



# THE SHEETS

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## Commodore's Comments by Chris Haro



To My SSYCers

This month I am starting my article with three stanzas from *The Raven* written by Edgar Allan Poe and published in 1845 (fyi you should watch/listen to Vincent Price read the whole poem, just Google Vincent Price and *The Raven*):

*“Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered,  
weak and weary,  
Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten  
lore—*

*While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there  
came a tapping,  
As of someone gently rapping, rapping at my cham-  
ber door.*

*“’Tis some visitor,” I muttered, “tapping at my  
chamber door—*

*Only this and nothing more.”...*

*“Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there  
wondering, fearing,  
Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to  
dream before;*

*But the silence was unbroken, and the stillness  
gave no token,*

*And the only word there spoken was the whis-  
pered word, “Lenore?”*

*This I whispered, and an echo murmured back the  
word, “Lenore!”—*

*Merely this and nothing more”...*

*“And the Raven, never flitting, still is sitting, still is  
sitting*

*On the pallid bust of Pallas just above my chamber  
door;*

*And his eyes have all the seeming of a demon’s  
that is dreaming,*

*And the lamp-light o’er him streaming throws his  
shadow on the floor;*

*And my soul from out that shadow that lies floating  
on the floor*

*Shall be lifted—nevermore!”*

Why have I included three stanzas from a poem written in 1845? You most likely know one of the answers: there is not much going on with our club to convey to you ~~and I need to fill up space~~ and the poem’s meaning, to me, is that we need to let go of how things were, (Lenore’s passing), and embrace the newness of everyday life. This pandemic seems to be taking forever to pass as we are **IN** the moment of the pandemic, however, places **WILL** start to open. We will adjust to the new normal of wearing masks (I never imaged I would wear a mask in the bank), washing our hands a lot more, and appreciate how things were. I foresee fewer people getting the flu for the next couple of years, as we have all developed better hand washing protocols.

## Commodore's Comments ((Continued))

In April, we had a virtual Board Meeting, virtual Bingo game night, virtual happy hours, and a movie night where we leaned about how a team of female rowers set out from San Francisco and ROWED to Australia. I really enjoyed the movie and the courage the rowers had to brave the ocean for days on end without quitting!



Practicing social distancing, myself and four other SSYC'ers held an impromptu opening day on May 2, 2020 where we noted the harbor was free of ice and open for business. For those interested, I think there is a video of the short ceremony.

SCYA Commodore John Marshall requested that I mention to all of you that the residents of Catalina are hurt due to the closing of the Island. There are many business and service employees who depend on people like us to visit the Island. We can help! Go to <http://cityofavalon.com/AvalonMutualAid> if you are able to make a donation to the local food pantry on the Island.

I am hoping to see all of you in person some time in May, as I hate drinking to an iPad!

Your Commodore,

Christopher V Haro



## Vice Commodore's Comments by Gerry Holleger

Hello South Shore Yacht Club Members!

The days are getting longer, with the sunshine glowing past seven O'clock in the evening and with steady daytime temperatures well above 70 degrees this time of the year. This kind of weather creates a yearning for the sailor in all of us to get out on boats to race, cruise and socialize. The month of May is when we normally have our South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC) Opening Day event, but unfortunately not this year in 2020, overridden by Covid-19 and California Governor Newsom's Executive "Stay at Home" Order. These are unprecedented times we live in. The month of May is also a time when we Americans celebrate, though unofficially, the beginning of Summer over Memorial Day weekend. SSYC has traditionally celebrated it with a raft-up at Dana Point, however, not this year.

We must continue to postpone and cancel SSYC events until the state and county have met metrics set forth by public health to begin reopening in stages. Currently, we are in Stage 1 of reopening; this is when governments have made it consistently safe for essential workers like grocery store and healthcare workers to have the necessary personal protective equipment and put in place more robust diagnostic testing and tracking systems.

Stage 2 is about to begin on May 8, 2020 by allowing California to gradually reopen lower risk workplaces with special modification rules. These workplaces will include bookstores, clothing stores, florists and sporting goods stores.

Businesses and public spaces will reopen while continuing to preserve public health and well-being based on the state's ability to meet criterion that indicate pandemic improvement. Stage 3 will allow higher risk businesses to reopen with special modifications and will include hair and nail salons, gyms, movie theaters, sports without live audiences as well as in-person religious services. Stage 4 will be the end of the "Stay at Home" order and will allow for concerts, conventions and sports events with live audiences to reopen. We are months away from Stage 4 and quite possibly Stage 3.

## Vice Commodore's Comments (Continued)

As your Vice-Commodore, I want to make you aware of my personal news. I volunteered for the U. S. Army Retiree Recall in support of the Covid-19 Response Team. I have accepted the nation's call to return to active duty in support of Covid-19 response following an email from Lieutenant General Thomas C. Seamands, Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel. It all seems to have happened so quickly, now that I look back on the series of events. I completed a survey followed by a series of calls and before I knew it, I had received official government orders directing me to travel to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Tacoma, Washington. I am now working as a nurse supervisor in the Medical-Surgical and Intensive Care Units at Madigan Army Medical Center and will be working through and until Fall season unless the Federal Government determines that my service is no longer required.

I will continue to remain in my official capacity as your Vice-Commodore and support Commodore Chris Haro and the SSYC Bridge & Board through the end of 2020. We can work and socialize distantly in this day and age thanks to computers, smart phones and Zoom Call technology, unlike ever before! Some of us have depended on this technology for our SSYC social events during this quarantine. I wish you all fair winds and following seas until we all come together in-person once again as a club.

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

*Gerry Kolleger*

Vice Commodore



## Social by Jennifer Johns

It has been over 6 weeks since we started our new reality. New routines are being made. We are discovering new, innovative ways to stay connected and entertained. And I am sure quite a few of us are counting down the days until we can see each other in person...whenever that may be. Until then, we are living a new normal.

SSYC has been able to pivot quite nicely. We have been able to offer some way to connect with members at least once a week. During our last Happy Hour, we played a little game called "Never Have I Ever", which was quite enlightening. Here are a few things we learned:

- SSYC has mastered Zoom
- There have been no crazy online shopping experiences
- There has been a lot of unnecessary snacking
- Joe Greenblatt and Dean Russell were the only ones on the call who have fallen overboard
- Martha Gurwitz has run into a bridge
- Chris Haro once spent the night on the wrong boat (*editor's note: Andrea Haro and Tina Simmons did, too, but only because they trusted Chris to read the boat name correctly*)
- Apparently not everyone knows the term 'earrings' for fenders as I had to explain that concept to see how many have cruised the harbor with their earrings dangling about. And yes, a few of us are guilty of doing that.
- Pretty much everyone on the call has spilled a drink on a boat
- Maggie Mobley has never taken the helm and we are going to fix that once we are all out on the water again
- Tom Noto, in his youth, purposely bumped into another boat to catch the eye of a young beauty. Didn't work so well
- And, to no one's surprise...we have ALL yelled at a Duffy in the harbor because they had no clue what they were doing!

The final thing we learned, which we already knew, is that we are here for each other. If any of you are feeling isolated or in need of some human interaction, please reach out to someone in our SSYC family. We are all in this together!

Besides the helping out with the weekly events, I have another pet project in the works. You all should have received an email from me requesting 1-3 of your favorite recipes. If you haven't sent one in, please do! I am creating an SSYC Quarantine Cookbook.



My goal is to get it out in a couple of weeks so we can all dabble in the making of some new dishes from our fellow SSYC members while still stuck at home. That will depend on all of you! The quicker you send recipes, the quicker I can get the cookbook out. Thank you to everyone who has sent in a recipe or two already.

Those are some fun things happening on the social front. Let's not forget that I am Rear Commodore this year, as well, and I have something very exciting going on in that capacity. According to the by-laws, one of the responsibilities of the Rear Commodore is to extend appointed Historian. To date, I am not aware of any historical documentation on SSYC. This year, that will change.

## Social (Continued)

I am currently in the process of getting our history documented through various people who have been around the club for a long time. The documentation template has been created and sent out for the first round of data gathering. I can't wait to see what stories and facts come back. The goal is to have this complete by the time our Closing Ceremonies comes around in November, where all who are in attendance will receive a copy. For those who aren't in attendance, we will post it on the website and distribute digitally.

Note: if you are on a computer during your Zoom meetup, you can go to the Gallery View and see all who are on the call. If you are on your cell phone or tablet, you are only able to see 4 people at a time, but can scroll to see others.



2nd Friday Dinners will resume once we get the OK that we can all be back together again.

### What Next on the Calendar

The Virtual Happy Hours continue! Come join us for the fun. While we can't meet in person, we can meet online. Virtual Happy Hours will be set up via Zoom. Evites will be sent out with the date, time and Zoom info in the Message From Host section.

Our last Virtual Happy Hour was on Monday May 4th from 6:30—7:30pm. We also did a little Cinco de Mayo pre-party. I demonstrated how to make one of my favorite Skinny Margarita cocktails. *(editor's note: will this recipe be in the Quarantine Cookbook?!)*

Later this month, we will be doing a virtual wine tasting. Having wine stations set up around the house to wander through is optional.

Be Safe and Cheers,

*Jen Johns*

Social Director



## Cruising by The Cruise Committee

We had a great discussion this month about the documentary *Losing Sight of Shore*. It was an absolutely incredible documentary about four women who rowed across the Pacific from San Francisco to Cairns, Australia in a 29 ft. row boat. They were the first all-female, four-person team to achieve this. Everyone really enjoyed the discussion and we are looking forward to the next movie on May 28th.

Bring your dinner, your glass of wine, or whatever you like to drink, and join us when we discuss the movie:

### Maidentrip

*Maidentrip is a beautiful documentary about Laura Dekker's year and a half voyage to be the youngest person ever to sail around the world. Dekker, born in Holland, set sail from Gibraltar in 2010 and made the journey in a year and a half, finishing a few months after her 16th birthday. Her route took her to St. Martins, Panama, the Galapagos Islands, Australia, the Cape of Good Hope, and back. This inspiring documentary will leave you amazed, first because of the premise—that a girl, 14, would even try such an amazing task. In 2009, only 13 years old, she sailed across the English Channel from Holland and back by herself. When it became known that she intended to sail around the world, Dutch authorities attempted to remove her from her father's custody to keep her from making the trip. After a court victory, the way was cleared for her.*

Look for this documentary on Amazon Prime.

*Martha Gurwitz*

Cruise Committee



Because of the Corona Virus, the SSYC Cruise Committee has had to think outside the box in coming up with fun things to do. On Thursday, April 16th, approximately 20 SSYCers logged in using Zoom to play a set of Bingo games. We had a great time! First, the players had to create their own Bingo Card. Chris Tadlock guided the group through the process. Good thing they did this prior to drinking any alcohol—it was definitely the most challenging part of the night! Once their cards were ready to go, it was time to start calling numbers. Chris Tadlock used an online Bingo App to run the game and called out the numbers for the group. The goal of the first game was to create a bingo in the shape of a martini glass. The winner of Game 1 was Marty Albrecht! The next game was a complete 'Blackout' of the card. Guess what? Marty won that game as well! Congratulations to the Bingo Queen! We are looking forward to another virtual game night on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30pm. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us!



*Lynn Tadlock*

Cruise Committee



## Racing by John Marshall

### SUMMER HIBACHI SERIES

It remains our expectation that the shelter in place restrictions will be lifted during the month of May. While the summer beer can races at American Legion Yacht Club, Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club and Balboa Yacht Club typically begin in May, they've all been pushed back until the first week in June, 2020.

We understand that people are absolutely looking forward to the time we can all get outside and back on the water. A lot of us have stayed connected through the Zoom Video Conferencing capabilities that South Shore Yacht Club has offered. If you haven't taken advantage of SSYC's Virtual Cocktail Parties, then you're certainly missing an opportunity to learn how others are coping during this surreal time.

Fortunately, we have three outstanding members with wonderful vessels to serve as SSYC's race Committee boats. We would like to recognize Clive and Martha Gurwitz's "Molokai Girl"; Mike and Penny Nelson's "Shindig" and Mike Schmidt's "Dickie Boy" for sharing their wonderful boats with the members of SSYC.

The Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions have already been posted to SSYC's web site at [www.southshoreyc.com](http://www.southshoreyc.com). The price for the 13 race series is \$40.00.

We'll have to wait and see how NBYC will look based on the state requirements. They may end up with only three tables on the patio, seven tables in the dining room and three tables in the bar. So much for us cozying up with one another after the race. Anyway, we'll see you on the water and don't forget...



**John**



## Commodore's Cruise Update by Dean Russell

While we are all sheltering in place, SSYC is planning our cruise to the beautiful British Virgin Islands. Three boats have been reserved with Dream Yacht Charter and a fourth boat is filling up. If you want to get out of the house and join the adventure, let me know.

The best airfare and airline service are to fly into St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands. From there, we are chartering a boat on October 19 to take all of us from St. Thomas to The DYC base on Scrub Island. We will stop in Tortola to clear customs and immigration on the way. Some provisioning will be done before boarding our boats. The DYC Charter base will brief us on all the boats that evening. That will enable us to depart the base early the next morning.

The initial plan upon departure from the DYC base is to sail first to The Baths National Park on Virgin Gorda and explore this wonderland of giant boulders. From there we will sail 19NM to Anegada. If there is a cruise ship at Virgin Gorda, we will sail to The Dogs for snorkeling, then off to Anegada.

From Anegada we will embark on a long sail to Jost Van Dyke with a stop on Guana Island, a private island, for lunch and snorkeling. Two famous watering holes on Jost Van Dyke are Soggy Dollar and Foxy's. We will need to reward ourselves after a long day on the water.

We will sail next to the other side of Tortola to a chain of islands no more than 2 miles apart. Overnight stops will be on Norman Island, Peter Island and Cooper Island. One overnight stop has not been planned so there is some leeway in our cruise. We do not want to schedule too much and we want to allow time for water activities, exploring, hiking and relaxation. Also, if we choose not to visit The Baths on the first day, we will sail there toward the end of our cruise.

After the cruise ends on October 26, our charter boat will return us to St. Thomas for our flights back to civilization. Fair Winds.



*Dean Russell*

Staff Commodore

# SSYC Virtual Events Calendar

April & May  
2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16 Game Night - Bingo	4/17	4/18 Check out the Lady Gaga WHO concert - 8pm. On ABC, NBC, CBS, and CW
4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22 Check out Bruce Springsteen's Jersey 4 Jersey concert - 7pm on Apple music	4/23 Happy Hour – Show and Tell or some other fun activity	4/24	4/25
4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30 Movie Night Discussion	5/1	5/2
5/3 Cinco de Mayo Virtual HH – Margarita Recipe Topic	5/4	5/5 SSYC Board Meeting	5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9
5/10 Mother's Day	5/11	5/12	5/13 Game Night	5/14	5/15	5/16
5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21 Happy Hour – Wine / Drink of Choice Tasting	5/22	5/23
5/24 Memorial Day	5/25	5/26	5/27 John Marshall – Committee Boat Seminar	5/28	5/29	5/30

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