



# THE SHEETS

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## Commodore's Comments by Chris Haro



Ahoy SSYCers,

It is already March and the weather is starting to get warmer. I wanted to thank Jennifer Johns, our Social Committee of one, for a wonderful dinner in February at the Club. It was great to see so many smiling, friendly faces. I think we will be back to normal by the fall with the vaccines and the warmer months starting. Soon, we will be raising our glasses on a boat and saying, 'Remember that 2020 year with the lock downs and wearing masks?' as we reminisce about the past. This reality is almost here, we just need to practice social distancing and wearing masks.

It is tax season and I don't have a lot to say at this time of year, but let me tell you I am counting down the days until the Avalon trip the weekend of April 16, 2021.

In February, a groundhog made predictions, we were masking up and making trouble at our February dinner, making waves looking for whales, making wakes in the Jim White Memorial racing series, and making plans for the Commodore's Cruise! Check out everyone's articles for more details!



Your Humble Commodore,  
Christopher V Haro



## Vice Commodore's Comments by Gerry Holleger

Hello South Shore Yacht Club!

In February, Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow and, according to folklore of this famous weather forecasting groundhog, we will see six more weeks of winter across the United States. But, not here in sunny Southern California where we sailors experience beautiful climate all year round. First day of Spring follows on March 20<sup>th</sup>, which anyway you look at it, we are in for some very nice sailing weather.

The Newport Beach Yacht Club opened its doors again recently with limited seating following Governor Newsom's relief of Covid-19 restrictions on Southern California restaurants and bars. Let us pray that we can continue attending South Shore Yacht Club Events in 2021 without any of our members being affected by Covid-19 illness and California state pandemic restrictions.

On Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, we South Shore Yacht Club sailors celebrated the installation of Commodore Christopher Haro and the new Bridge and Board at the Commodore's Dinner at Newport Beach Yacht Club.

Please join me in congratulating the Commodore, the Bridge and Board on last year's accomplishments, in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic, and to wish them great success as they embark on a new yachting year in 2021.

I want to wish all the racers in this year's Jim White Memorial Winter Races Good Luck as we approach the end of the series on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>!

South Shore Yacht Club is "the friendliest yacht club in Newport Beach".



*Gerry*

**Gerry Holleger**

Vice Commodore



## Social by Jennifer Johns

Reunited and it feels so good. After taking a couple of months hiatus due to COVID numbers, we were able to kick-off our monthly Friday Dinners in February. It was so good to be back at NBYC. There are still some modifications with no raffle and dining outside, but thankfully we live in Southern California where the weather is great for outdoor dining. We are hopeful that moving forward we will not be taking another hiatus due to COVID and we will have a year full of Friday Dinners.

### What Next on the Calendar

**\*\*\*\*\* Note all the following is subject to change based on the current state of COVID-19. There have been some updates you will want to note!**

#### **March– Commodore’s Dinner**

While we are not quite COVID ready to have a traditional Commodore’s Ball, we are ready for a Commodore’s Dinner. Our March 2nd Friday Dinner became our Commodore’s Dinner. Friday March 12th, we celebrated the Installation of Christopher Haro as Commodore (again) along with the Bridge and Board. We had a cocktail hour again, live music, and a little dancing!

#### **April– Rosé All Day**

Sip Sip Hooray...It’s Rosé All Day. Our April dinner is a Rosé All Day theme. Come and clink your glasses with fellow SSYC members on Friday, April 9, 2021.

#### **May– Derby Day**

Our Opening Day is moving to June.....so instead, put on your big hats and Giddy Up down to NBYC Friday May 14, 2021. We will be having a Derby Day theme which you won’t want to miss.

#### **June – Opening Day**

Yet again there has been some pivoting on timelines and dates due. The good news is we should be able to “officially” open this year. Details on date and time and if guests are allowed will be coming shortly.



Stay safe and Healthy.

Cheers,  
*Jen Johns,*

Social Director



## Cruise by Martha Gurwitz

The 28th of February was a beautiful, spring-like day with gorgeous blue skies. The gusty winds that were predicted to ruin our day never happened. Maybe these winds did some damage in the beginning of the day, but by the time we set out on Molokai Girl and Shindig, the sea was calm and causing no problem at all.

So, off we went in search of dolphins and whales. Tom Noto did a terrific job aboard Molokai Girl shouting directions to our Captain Clive, letting him know where to go. And, boy, did we see a lot of dolphins and bubbles from the blowhole of the whales. Thanks Tom for being such a terrific navigator.



When we spotted our featured guests, everyone jumped up with joy shouting dolphins, dolphins and the cameras were clicking away. We got some really awesome shots from the top deck and the front of the boat and some really terrific videos. The dolphins were jumping in pairs of two or more and swimming all around the boat. I have a great video of the dolphins swimming in front of the boat as if they were leading the way.

By the end of February, the migration of the gray whales goes from the south, Mexico, to the north, as they head back to Alaska. This species undertakes the longest migration of any mammal on planet Earth! Gray Whales only thrive on the west coast of the North American continent, so California is one of just a handful of whale watching locations where you can see this unique species. The weather between San Diego and Los Angeles is much more favorable at this time of year than anywhere else in California.

This is also an excellent time of year for dolphin watching. Large pods of COMMON DOLPHIN can be witnessed year round and often steal the show as they frolic in pods averaging 100-200 individuals. Inshore, BOTTLE-NOSE DOLPHIN are frequently witnessed along the

route taken by the Gray Whales as both species favor near coastal waters. This is the best time of year to observe the stunning beauty of the PACIFIC WHITE SIDED DOLPHIN, which we rarely encounter outside of the winter months.

Fin Whales, Humpback Whales, and Minke Whales are also potential sightings this time of year along with sporadic sightings of Risso's Dolphin and Orca.

Along the way we kept checking in with Shindig, who always stayed within view, and helped each other navigate a better path to enable us to see more. We must have all been doing a good job because it seemed as if the commercial whale watching boats were following us!

After about 4 hours at sea, it was time to head home. Clive let Tom and I do a bit of the driving while he took a little rest. It's not so easy to stand for 4 hours while driving a 42 foot trawler! So, we headed for the harbor entrance meeting up again with Shindig and the opportunity to get some great shots of both vessels. As we entered the channel of the harbor we spotted an absolutely beautiful sailboat. It turned out to be the Windward Passage. It was originally a ketch that won the Transpac race from San Pedro to Honolulu in 1971. She was then made into a sloop. She sailed the course in 9 days, 9 hours and 6 minutes, breaking the old record by 75 minutes set by the ketch Blackfin in 1969. It was such an amazing sight. Shindig actually turned around in the harbor to get a really good look at it!

We also saw the amazing Schooner Lively with it's beautiful red sails going in the opposite direction as us, out to sea.

All in all it was a super fantastic day that was enjoyed by all. We look forward to all the exciting events we have planned for 2021. Come out and join us!

Stay safe and healthy and, hopefully, we'll see you soon.

*Martha Gurwitz*

Martha Gurwitz,  
Cruise Committee



# Racing by John Marshall

## THE JIM WHITE MEMORIAL WINTER SERIES

February 27<sup>th</sup> saw two more Jim White Memorial Winter Series Races 5 and 6. It turned out to be yet another beautiful day on the water. We had one issue in that Newport Harbor Yacht Club's Race Committee boat set up their start/finish line about 50 yards away from our starting area, so it became a little congested with boats sailing a variety of different directions. Our last two races are scheduled for Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, but we may do an Amendment to the Sailing Instructions to move the race to Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> so that we may have the entire basin to ourselves once again.

I'm showing the results of Race # 5 below just to emphasize how important it is to score the race with the proper time. You will notice that Valhalla III corrected over Radical Departure by ONE SECOND to take first place after sailing a 3.7 mile course! We'll see you on the water.

2021 White Memorial Winter Series				PHRF A		27-Feb Race 5		
Course		12	Distance (Nm)		3.7	Start Time		12:05:00
Placing	Sail Number	Yacht Name	Skipper	Yacht Club	Rating	Finish Time	Handicap Allowance	Adjusted Time
1	97840	Valhalla III	Scott Karlin	SSYC	117	12:50:45	0:07:13	0:38:32
2	7350	Radical Departure	Rosene Family	BYC	114	12:50:35	0:07:02	0:38:33
3	57975	Violetta	Jane Hartley	BCYC	96	12:52:11	0:05:55	0:41:16
4	97392	Miss Informed	Jeff Tighe	BYC	141	12:56:35	0:08:42	0:42:53
5	37836	Nalu V	Mark Ashmore	SSYC	114	DNC	0:07:02	

2021 White Memorial Winter Series				PHRF B		27-Feb Race 5		
Course		8	Distance (Nm)		2.8	Start Time		12:10:00
Placing	Sail Number	Yacht Name	Skipper	Yacht Club	Rating	Finish Time	Handicap Allowance	Adjusted Time
1	3	Iconoclast	Min Choi	OASIS	186	12:47:52	0:08:41	12:39:11
2	97873	Valkyrie	Don Albrecht	SSYC	222	12:51:52	0:10:22	12:41:30
3	57437	Silk	John Hanscom	SSYC	171	12:49:58	0:07:59	12:41:59
4	56853	Mystery	Dan Paracchini	ALYC	240	12:54:51	0:11:12	12:43:39
5	709	No Ka Oi	Lori Romano	WSAOC	215	13:06:00	0:10:02	12:55:58



**John**  
John Marshall,  
Club Race Chair



## Commodore's Cruise by Dean Russell

### 2021 COMMODORE'S CRUISE IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Commodore Haro is inviting you to join his cruise in the USVI departing from St Thomas on October 25, 2021 for seven nights. This is undoubtedly one of the most fabulous cruising waters in the world. This cruise was originally planned for the British Virgin Islands. We had three boats chartered for that cruise. Unfortunately, COVID 19 scuttled that cruise and the BVI is still closed to visitors.

Cruising from St Thomas will be better and easier than cruising from Tortolla. The best air fare and airline schedules are to St Thomas. We will also avoid having to transfer from St Thomas to Tortolla, where the BVI charter bases are. If the BVI reopens, we will be able to cruise the BVI Islands also. Virgin Gorda, the most northern island where the Baths are located is only 30NM from St Thomas. All of the islands are relatively close and we can visit Norman, Peter, Salt and Ginger in between. The itinerary is ours to choose since we are the captains and crew.

The ships that we are chartering are 40' catamarans. Each will have four cabins and four heads that will comfortably accommodate eight passengers. The cost for the boats will be about \$900 per person (not including airfare, food and miscellaneous expenses).



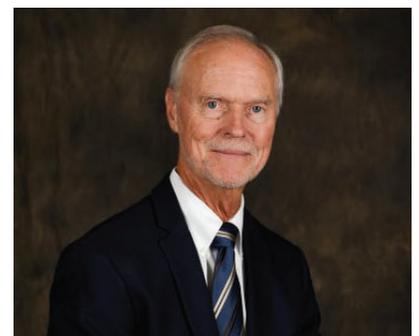
To reserve, send a \$500 deposit to Dean Russell, PO Box 1075, Lake Arrowhead CA 92352. This is refundable until you select a boat to be on. After that, the deposit is non-refundable.

The deadline for making a reservation is April 30, 2021.

For those who reserved for the 2020 BVI cruise, you have \$150pp credit that will be applied to the final cost of the boat.

Please contact me with any questions:  
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*Dean Russell,*  
Cruise Committee



# March 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Board Meeting					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner?		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					12:00pm Jim White Racing Series	
29	30	31				

# April 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4 Easter
5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9 6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner	10 Ensenada Tune Up	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				-Avalon-----Avalon Continued-----Avalon-		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				N2E---	---N2E Continued---	---N2E Continued---
26	27	28	29	30		

# May 2021

Balboa Island Artwalk Possibly Moved to September Due to COVID Complications

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 6:00pm 2nd Friday Diner	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31					Cruise to San Diego-----Cruise to San Diego Continued-----	
Cruise to San Diego						

# June 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Board Meeting	2	3	4	5	6 Balboa Island Parade
7	8	9 Hibachi Sailing Series	10	11 Duffy Dinner Excursion	12 Opening Day!	13
14	15	16 Hibachi Sailing Series	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Hibachi Sailing Series	24	25	26 Picnic at the Dunes	27
28	29	30 Hibachi Sailing Series				

# July 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Board Meeting	Hibachi Sailing Series		6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner	-----Crew of Two-----	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Hibachi Sailing Series			--Great American Raft Up--	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Hibachi Sailing Series				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Hibachi Sailing Series				

# August 2021

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

# September 2021


MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
		Hibachi Sailing Series				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Board Meeting			6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					Endless Beach Party	Duffy Day Scavenger Hunt
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					La Jolla Day of Fun	
27	28	29	30			

# October 2021


MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8 6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Lake Arrowhead Oktoberfest	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# November 2021

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

# December 2021


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

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