



THE MAIN SHEET

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LWYC

Organization Chart

2024

- Commodore - Glenn Brown

Meet our 2024 Commodore

Glenn Brown (photo 1985)

- Vice Commodore
- Gaye Christofferson
- Rear Commodore - Margy Rojas
- Recording Secretary
- Sandi Marcus
- Treasurer
- Tracy Johnson
- Staff Commodore - Jan Badgely
- Staff Commodore - Terry Kesinger

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board is comprised of former LWYC commodores whose term as Staff Commodores have expired.

- Lloyd Chase
- Jeff Sadler
- Darrell Vorderstrasse
- Wayne Carlson
- Pat Rojek

Committee Chairs

2024

- Communications- Margy Rojas
- Finance -Tracy Johnson
- IT - David Raber & Joel Sigman
- Maintenance - Darrel Vorderstrasse
- Main Sheet - Sandi Marcus



My first experience with sailing was as a young teenager when I spent many happy hours sailing my sunfish on a lake in Princeton, NJ. I subsequently graduated from high school in Palo Alto, CA, and went off to college in Bethlehem, PA and Boulder, CO. I began my career in the telecommunications industry in Denver, CO in the early 1970s. In the mid-1980s the sailing bug bit me again. I enrolled in a Preparation for Bareboating course in the Virgin Islands operated by Annapolis Sailing School. It was the working vacation of a lifetime! I spent 9 days living on a 39-foot boat learning all aspects of sailing. I visualized the rest of my life sailing ... maybe even around the world.

But life does not always turn out like we planned. The next three decades were spent landlocked, working way too hard, and not sailing. In 1998 I retired from the large telephone

- Membership - Jack Dunnigan
- Program - Margy Rojas
- Sailing Academy - Tammy Rones
- Social - Sandi Marcus



**Have a story
to share?**

We're always looking for speakers for our monthly meetings. It doesn't have to be from a Club member, but it could. Have you enjoyed a memorable sailing experience or vacation?

We have staff able to help you set it up.

Contact

Rear Commodore
Margy Rojas



Do you like to write? If you have a story to share about a sailing experience, please send it to sandim25@hotmail.com. You could find yourself published!!



company and Nancy and I started our own company McLean & Brown Telecom Consultants. We relocated to Sedona, AZ where we ran the company for the next twenty years. We bought our first condo in Laguna Woods in 2016 for a summer place and soon after found the LWYC. In 2019 we moved to Laguna Woods full time.

I am honored to serve as your Commodore for 2024. The LWYC has been at the center of our lives for the past 8 years. I have served as Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore and Nancy has served as Chair of the Social Committee. In 2022, I had the opportunity to serve on the LWYC's Long Range Planning Committee. This Strategic Plan that we developed has been adopted by the Club to anticipate and prepare for the needs and interests of the Club members over the next five years. You will hear more about the important recommendations in this Plan in the coming months, but for now I would encourage you to read the plan itself which you can find at [2022StrategicPlan.pdf \(lwyc.us\)](#) . See you on the water – and on land at our next Membership Meeting on February 7th!



Updates from the Social Committee

Monthly Meeting Reminders

When you enter Clubhouse 7, please go to the front table and sign in on the appropriate sheet. There will be two other tables nearby, one for guests to fill out their name tag with a Smiley face and the other for members to pick up their name tags with the lanyard. *Please remember to turn in your lanyard at the end of the meeting. Kayli is working on a new collection system.*

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS. We have many new members.

NOTE: *We're looking for two people to be regular volunteers to help Anita and Nancy with table decor. New members, it's only once a month!*

IMPORTANT!!

The LWYC Store is still functional. We may have someone to continue running it. NEW MEMBERS, these items make great gifts, too, for yourself or Club friends.

LOOK GREAT

while making a donation to the Club!!

FEEDBACK??

We would appreciate any feedback you could give us not only about this newsletter, but on our Club in general. If you have any comments and/or suggestions, please email Sandi Marcus at sandim25@hotmail.com.

MISSED

Holiday Photo

Dec. 2 Starry Night



Guests attending our larger events will be charged \$10 more than members, like most other clubs here do. There will be no refunds for guests who sign up for the monthly meetings but are unable to attend.

Schedule is as follows:

4:30-5:15 Check-in and Happy Hour

Please note: The food table will not be opened until 5:15. Please wait for the bell to ring. No snacking!! (Thanks to Debbie and Tony Milano for offering to be the new leads there.)

.5:15-6 Potluck dinner: (Last call for food and drink is at 6.) Each member should bring a food item that would serve 10-12 people. Couples = 2 members, but a larger portion would suffice.

NEW!! The Club will provide serving utensils. Do NOT bring your own!

6-7 General meeting: We hope you all stay for the meeting and not just out of courtesy. The presentations take time to prepare and have been quite interesting.

Upcoming events

GET EXCITED NOW!!!

The Social Committee has MANY new ideas!

(Details to follow as finalized)

February 7 - The theme is Love! Love of Country, Love of Sailing, Love of Club.

Commodore Glenn Brown will explain that and review the 2024 budget. Registration is now open on Wild Apricot.

Looking to the future:

2024:

Boat Parade Pics

2023



We will celebrate Hiatus' move to its new slip in late Feb/early March. Look for a BYOE event to introduce us to the new location.

The ideas for 2024 that were mentioned in previous issues will be decided in the first quarter this year. They will be discussed at the February general meeting. Remember, we need volunteers to make these work! The signup sheets will be passed around at the meeting, also.

BOAT PARADE UPDATE

The Dana Point Boat Parade occurred on Dec. 8-10 and was great fun for each of the three crews. We didn't win a monetary award, but each of the crews were winners and had a fabulously fun time. Next year's theme is "Santa's Carnival." Think about joining the fun. Watch for the announcement this summer.

Thanks for all the pictures. I've placed as many as possible. As you can see from the pics, we are a crazy, fun group!! Thanks to the guys, especially, for going along with the costumes.



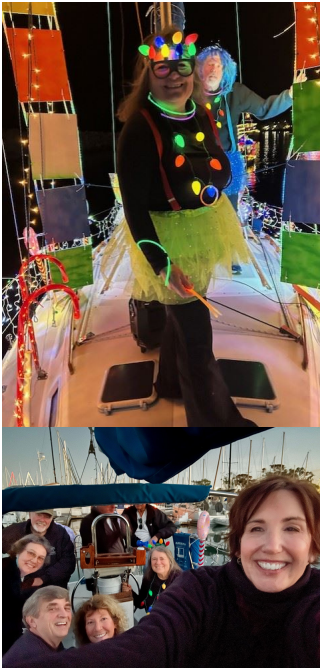


Laguna Woods Yacht Club

**MINI
HAPPY
HOUR
FUN!**

**SIGN UP NOW TO HOST ONE --
IT'S SOOOO EASY!**

We have a lot of new members who haven't tried to host. It's sooo easy! We are looking for 8-10 volunteers to host Mini Happy Hours in the



"MIDI" HAPPY HOURS

***The Club's first "Midi" Happy Hour at the 2400 Via Mariposa W Rec room on January 29 was a BIG success!! It was wonderfully organized by Brenda Miller and Mary McAdara. The Club provided pizza and salads with cookies and candy sweet treats. We also played some get-to-know-you games. Lots of laughs there!

WHO WOULD LIKE TO SET UP THE NEXT ONE?

**Contact Margy Rojas
or Sandi Marcus**

February/March time frame. If you have already hosted an MHH, please consider hosting another. If you have enjoyed attending an MHH event, why not host one of your own? If you have even thought about it, just do it! You will be glad you did. Each host sets the parameters for their own event such as number of attendees (6-12), food and beverage (BYOB+), venue, etc. If you'd like more than 6-8 people but don't have the space, consider outdoors during the nice weather or contact Jeff and Norma Sadler about reserving the 2400 building.

Remember: Mini Happy Hours were started so members - and especially new members & wait listers, could get to know each other better in small groups, in members' homes, patios or a green space near their home. This is for members, pending and waitlist only so we can expand the camaraderie within the Club.

To begin the process of scheduling your MHH event, contact Margy at (916) 842-6540 or mmdiggs@yahoo.com and say, "I want to host a Mini Happy Hour." The LWYC Social Committee will help you through this easy process.

Don't forget to regularly check the calendar on Wild Apricot for added Mini Happy Hours.

Remember, this should be a
"No fuss, no muss" fun evening!

- **Intro to Sailing Class Coming in Feb!!**

I am excited to share with you that the next **Intro to Sailing** class will start on February 26, 2022. Stand by for further information on when registration will open, as this class will fill up very quickly!

We are continuing to use the text **The American Sailing Association's Sailing Made Easy**; ISBN: [978-0-9821025-0-3](https://www.asa.org/Products/Books/978-0-9821025-0-3). If you haven't yet ordered your textbook, please do so immediately as these can take

On a Personal Note

My older granddaughter is trying to raise funds for her 8th grade school trip to Washington, DC and NYC which costs \$2500. If you save recyclable bottles and cans to put into the recycling dumpster *but don't bother to take them to a recycling center for the CRV*, her family or I would be happy to pick them up. Just call me at 847-858-0520. *I will also have a box at the general meetings. Feel free to bring your recyclables then.*

Thank you, Sandi

some time to arrive! You can purchase them from Amazon as well as other book sellers online, in either new or used editions. Ideally, choose an edition that is in VERY Good or EXCELLENT condition, so that the quizzes in each chapter will not yet be completed.

- Our classroom sessions will take place on Monday mornings at 9 am starting February 26th and concluding on April 2, 2024 (5 Monday sessions). There will not be a class on 4/1/24.
- We will be holding dockside classes every Tuesday & Wednesday in March; there will be two sessions each day, from 9:00 – 10:15 and from 10:30-11:45 a.m. You will only need attend ONE dockside session each week.
- In the month of March, on one day each week the sails will be reserved for students only, providing each student one guaranteed opportunity to sail with one (or more) of the instructors. You may continue to register for the balance of your sails with any of the Skippers.
- I encourage all of you to register for other sailing dates in March via Wild Apricot when registration opens. Please remember that members cannot register for more than THREE total sails in one month, including your class sail!

For those of you desiring continuing education, our Cruising Fundamentals class will take place later this year. Stay tuned for further information!

I look forward to seeing all of you out on the water.

Tammy Rones

Dean, Sailing Academy

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