

Laguna Woods Yacht Club

October 2023



# THE MAIN SHEET

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**LWYC**

## ***Organization Chart***

- Commodore - Terry Kesinger
- Vice Commodore - Glenn Brown
- Rear Commodore - Gaye Christoffersen
- Recording Secretary - Sandi Marcus
- Treasurer - Mary Longtin
- Staff Commodore - Jan Badgely

- Staff Commodore - Pat Rojek

### *Advisory Board*

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

- Lloyd Chase
- Phil Foreman
- Jeff Sadler
- Darrell Vorderstrasse
- Wayne Carlson

### Committee Chairs

- Communications-Gaye Christoffersen
- Finance - Mary Longtin
- IT - David Raber & Joel Sigman
- Maintenance - Darrel Vorderstrasse
- Main Sheet - Sandi Marcus
- Membership - Jack Dunnigan
- Program - Gaye Christoffersen
- Sailing Academy - Glenn Brown
- Social - Anita Loos-Hannifan & Kayli Offerle

### **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 Gaye Christoffersen

### **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

## **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](mailto:sandim25@hotmail.com).

## **Funny Boat Names**

**Campbells Condensed Sloop**

**Marlin Monroe**

**Aquaholic**

**Dijabringabeeralong**

**Moor Often Than Knot**

**Time Whale Spent**

**Kids Inheritance**

## **LOST & FOUND**

**Missing items**

**from the DP Picnic:**

**Knife and pie server with a green handle which belongs to a member**

**Serrated knife which belongs to the Club**

**Found in the Holiday Party decor bin. Is it yours?**



Contact Sandi about any of this. TY

### ***Mini Happy Hours Need Hosts!!!***

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 November/December 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.

To begin the process of scheduling your MHH event, contact Gaye at (949) 291-9343 or [gaye\\_christoffersen@yahoo.com](mailto:gaye_christoffersen@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!



**Meet Our Incoming  
Rear Commodore**

**Margy Rojas**

I was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. I was the youngest and had three older brothers. We moved to Portland, Oregon and 5 years later to Wilton, Connecticut. My Dad bought a half share of a wooden Lightning 19 in which I started sailing on the Long Island Sound in 1972. We joined the Sprite Island Yacht club just across from Westport, Connecticut. My brother and I also sailed small Hobie Cats. Once we tried swimming from the boat and figured out someone always must stay on the boat.

Later, we moved to Coronado, CA where we had a 22-foot Capris. We just sailed in the San Diego Bay. I also took sailing lessons in a Sabot in Mission Bay. I also sailed Lasers. I went into the Air Force in 1981 and went to Pilot Training. My flying assignment was Andersen AFB in Guam. I flew a C-130 getting weather data in typhoons. I was able to travel to Japan, Hawaii, the Philippines, Saipan, Midway, Okinawa and Alaska. I also learned to snorkel and tried sail boarding. I was also based in Texas and Arizona.

After 8 years in the Air Force, I moved to Long Beach and was hired by Pan Am and later United Airlines. I flew DC 10s, 737s and 747s. I was based in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

I married Bob Rojas in 2005. I have 8 children and 9 grandchildren. All but one live in California. One son lives in Shanghai, China.

Bob is a CPA. He was born in Salinas and graduated from San Jose State. He enjoys volunteering with Special Olympics. We have been married 18 years. I retired from United and moved from Seal Beach to Laguna Woods in 2020. Bob

still works as a CPA, and I help him with his business. I also volunteer helping fellow veterans get jobs and services.

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### ***ATTEMPTED BOARDING OF THE HIATUS ON THE HIGH SEAS!!***

Sailors with Skipper Jeff Sadler on an initially foggy October 18 day had an unexpected visitor. A juvenile sea lion of about four feet in length swam around and under the boat for about 15 minutes. He was rolling, cavorting and even “porpoised” (leapt into the air and re-entered headfirst). He seemed to be showing off or desiring to interact with us and probably wished we had some fish to feed him! We noticed that he was sporting an orange tag on his front flipper. First Mate Miranda McPhee suggested he may have been at the Pacific Marine Mammal Center on Laguna Canyon Road, which rescues, nurses back to health, and releases sea lions and seals. After checking us out for a long while he even tried to board the Hiatus! (To view a video of his attempted boarding, captured by Terry Kesinger, click on our LWYC [video page](#).) Thankfully, his boarding attempt was blocked by a stanchion on the starboard side. Miranda can be heard on the video giving advice to the young sea lion: “I don’t think you want to come on here, Matey!” Shortly thereafter the wind picked up and we sailed off wishing him the best of luck on his rehabilitation journey.

*Debbie*

*Deagen-Lawrence*



Photo courtesy of Terry Kesinger

### **IMPORTANT!!**

The LWYC Store will be closing 12/31/23 unless someone volunteers to take it over. If anyone is interested, please contact Glenn Brown. The LWYC Store can be a fun & interesting experience! The items make great gifts, too!

NEW MEMBERS! Now is the time to buy your LWYC merchandise. Look great while making a donation to the Club!! 😊😊

## 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 tags with the lanyard. *Please remember to turn in your lanyard at the end of the meeting.*

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

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!! **Help Wanted:** *Looking for a new lead (or co-leads) to be in charge of the monthly food table. Contact Anita Loos-Hannifan or Brenda Miller.*

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

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)

November 1 - The general meeting and potluck fall the day after Halloween and on Los Dias de Los Muertos (The Day of the Dead). Costumes are optional, but there will be prizes. Check-in and Happy Hour start at 4:30. The title for the presentation by Lloyd Chase is "Ring Road Tour of Iceland." Please stay for another interesting evening.

December - **There will be NO general meeting!**

December 2 - Get ready for our Annual Starry Night Holiday Party! Last year's was a huge success but we've decided to tweak some things a bit to make it even more spectacular. **Registration is open NOW! Find it in your email or on Wild Apricot.**

Anita and Sandi are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up.

Contact us at anitahannifan@gmail.com or sandim25@hotmail.com.

*\*\*We are also looking for a lead for next year's party. Anita has all the steps written down and would help her successor.*

December 8, 9 and 10 - The latest Boat Parade meeting was Oct. 9. Costume ideas were discussed. We had the tutus and neon wigs to try on. That's still a work in progress. Boat decor has been decided and the guys have big plans for the lighting. King Candy will be high in his gold throne (TY Linda M) on the mast. Miranda is his dresser. Ed and Joy have made some fun props. Ed and Lance have started work on the game panels leading the way to the throne. The next meeting is Nov. 7 from 3-5 in the 2400 rec room. Call Ed now at 224-231-8371 to join us and look for the upcoming e-blast in Wild Apricot to register for one more November meeting. Please let us know what days and times work best for the next meeting.

Looking to the future:

2024:

January 3 meeting - Gaye has a film about the schooner "The Goodwill," which won the TransPac in '53 and '55. Google it. It had a very interesting history both abroad and locally.

Terry Kesinger is focusing on a San Diego event in the Spring which will probably include a docent led tour of the Maritime Museum and a harbor tour.

Joel "was volunteered" to set up a Newport Harbor boat tour through Fun Zone Boat Company in July followed by an early dinner in the area.

Violet Scirico is looking into a ride on Capt. Dave's glass bottom boat, perhaps in March.

Violet is also looking at Aliso Creek Beach for another beach party.

How about a taco bar at our July meeting?

Who is ready for a trip to the Del Mar racetrack in August? Last year's group had a great day. Would someone like to take the lead?

A tour and dinner on the refurbished Queen Mary with an option to stay overnight has been discussed. We'll need a lead for that, too.

"Midi" (larger) Happy Hour/Trivia contest in 2400?



Murder Mystery with the Old Pros at a general meeting?

We're still looking into other events. **If you have ideas, please contact Social Committee Chair Anita Loos-Hannifan at (949) 422-4454 with your ideas.**