



THE MAIN SHEET

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The Commodore's Corner

Pat Rojek

Ahoy Mateys!

Lately I have been reflecting on how fortunate we are to live where we live, with a climate that allows us to sail year-round. Having moved here from a

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cold-weather state, I am beyond grateful for the warm weather and coastal beauty that surrounds us. Whales, dolphins, and a sea turtle have all been spotted on recent Club day sails. Are we lucky, or what?!

In January you received an email with our 2021 Activity Calendar. We have some fun things planned, and our fingers are crossed that we will be able to hold the scheduled events; things are looking up!

In addition to our day sails, our Zoom General Meetings are a great way to stay connected with our club. On Friday, February 26th we were thrilled to have the internationally renowned and award-winning photographer, Sharon Green, as our speaker. On Friday, March 26 at 10 am Donna Kalez, co-president of Dana Wharf Sportfishing & Whale Watching, and Gisele Anderson, vice president of Captain Dave's, will speak about their joint efforts that resulted in Dana Point being designated the first Whale Heritage Site in the U.S., and fourth in the world. You can register for the Zoom link on our website.

The Sailing Academy's 2021 Introduction to Sailing class will be wrapping up soon. The students have been eager learners, and I'd like to give a special shout out to the instructors who adapted to the pandemic conditions and made this session so successful: Tammy Rones, Chair; Wayne Carlson, Terry Kesinger, Claudia Myres, Jeff Sadler, Jim Updike. Well done!

In March daylight savings time begins, and so will our Mini Happy Hours. Watch your email for information as the time gets closer.

Other sailing news:

The Prada Cup Finals are over; however, mark your calendars for the America's Cup scheduled

for March 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14 at 7 pm on NBCSports (Channel 712 or 312 on Village cable). You can also watch on www.americascup.com and on YouTube.

There are also a couple more boats to finish in the Vendee Globe Race (vendee.org or YouTube).

The Dana Point Festival of Whales is scheduled for March 6 & 7, and what better way to kick it off than with a Whale-inar? Tune in to bitly.com/youtubedpww on March 4 at 6:30 pm for a whale watching success & safety webinar for boaters both seasoned and new.

Happy sails to you,

Pat

DANA POINT NOW A “WHALE HERITAGE SITE”

On January 27, 2021, Dana Point was awarded the prestigious Whale Heritage Site designation by the [World Cetacean Alliance](http://WorldCetaceanAlliance.org). “Cetacean” is the scientific name for marine mammals including whales, dolphins and porpoises. The Vision of WCA is “A World where cetaceans are only found in the wild, are respected and fully protected, and live in sustainable habitats and in harmony with people everywhere.” Dana Point becomes one of only four Whale Heritage Sites worldwide – the others are located at Harvey Bay in Australia, The Bluff in South Africa, and Tenerife-La Gomera Marine Area in Spain.

This award was made possible through the hard work of two women – Gisele Anderson from Captain Dave’s Dolphin & Whale Safari, and Donna Kalez from Dana Wharf Sportfishing and Whale Watching. These otherwise competitors came together a few years ago to promote the long heritage of Dana Point for marine mammal education and conservation. They trademarked the phrase “The Dolphin and Whale Watching Capital of the World.” The World Heritage Site designation solidifies Dana Point’s status as a world-class eco-tourist

destination that will bring significant benefits to the harbor and the community at large.

Gisele and Donna will be guest speakers at the LWYC's monthly membership meeting on Friday March 26 at 10am on the Zoom platform. You will not want to miss this presentation! Also please invite your non-member friends as this should have interest beyond our club.

MINI HAPPY HOURS RESUME IN MARCH

Always a favorite of LWYC members, our Monthly Happy Hours had to be cancelled last March due to public health measures necessary to control the spread of Covid-19. In October, months into the pandemic, the LWYC Board went to work to re-imagine a similar function that would be consistent with State, County and Village guidelines for group gatherings. What emerged was the concept of the Mini Happy Hour (MHH). Key elements of these smaller, safer gatherings were that they would be:

- • Outdoors
- • Smaller, with no more than 8 -10 participants
- • Socially distanced consistent with current guidelines, and
- • No sharing of food and drink.

Initial trials in October and November proved a great interest among our membership for some form of social interaction. The MHH program was dormant in December, January and February due to the holidays, colder weather, and shorter days. Things are now improving with the Village and County vaccination programs in full swing, temperatures getting warmer, and days getting longer. Daylight Savings Time resumes Sunday March 14. While we are still awaiting guidance on when and how indoor group gatherings can resume, your Board has okayed the restart of the outdoor Mini Happy Hours!

MHHs will begin March 14 and continue at least until we can get back to our normal social program. The initial grouping of MHHs will be announced by email in the next week or two, and sign-up will be done on the Wild Apricot portal and/or LWYC website, similar to the way we sign up for day sails. **If you would be interested in hosting a Mini Happy Hour, click [here](#). If you**

would be interested in joining the LWYC Social Committee and helping us plan a safe and timely return to our normal social program, click [here](#).



Web Site Tips

- If you are a Member, be sure to log on when you visit the web site, lwyachtclub.org. That way you will be able to see all the Member events (including sailing days) in the Calendar. Most events such as sailing days are for Members only and if you are not logged on, you won't be able to see those events.
- If you are a couple and both are Members and want to sign up for a sail, here's a handy tip. Once you are registering, look for the button labeled "Guest". Click on that and you'll be able to register the other person without them having to log on and register.

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