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# THE MAIN SHEET

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## *LWYC Board of Directors and Committee Chairs*

### *Board of Directors*

- Commodore - Pat Rojek
- Vice Commodore - Wayne Carlson
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- Secretary - Tracy Rich
- Treasurer - Jim Updike
- Staff Commodore - Lloyd Chase
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## The Commodore's Corner

Pat Rojek

Ahoy Mateys,

Happy Spring! We are making excellent use of our longer daylight hours -- sail times have shifted, which allows us to take advantage of better winds;

Darrel  
Vorderstrasse

### Committee Chairs

- Sailing Academy - Tammy Rones
- Skippers - Darrel Vorderstrasse
- Social - Doris Vanzandt

### Skippers

- Wayne Carlson
- Lloyd Chase
- Pris Given
- Terry Miles
- Susan Obermiller
- Pat Rojek
- Tammy Rones
- Jeff Sadler
- Jim Updike
- Darrel Vorderstrasse

mini happy hours are running in various locations; and full moon sails are back. Life is good.

Also, with Orange county moving from the purple tier to the red, and on the cusp of moving to the orange, we have been able to relax some of our Covid-19 protocols. Hiatus can sail with six on board if the skipper is comfortable doing so. And with many more members becoming fully vaccinated (the entire boat being fully vaccinated is becoming common), the mask mandate can be relaxed at the skipper's discretion. Let's keep up the good work of staying safe and keeping each other healthy.

Speaking of skippers, I am happy to announce that we have a new skipper! Tammy Rones has met the requirements to become a skipper for LWYC; congratulations, Tammy!

Congratulations, also, to the recent graduates of our Introduction to Sailing class! Fair winds and full sails.

In addition to our day sails, our Zoom General Meetings are a great way to stay connected with our club. On Friday, March 26th we were delighted to have Donna Kalez, co-president of Dana Wharf Sportfishing & Whale Watching, and Gisele Anderson, vice president of Captain Dave's Dolphin & Whale Watching Safari, as our speakers. On Friday, April 23 at 10 am, we'll hear from Dr. Chris Lowe, CSULB Marine biology professor and director of their renowned Shark Lab. You can register for the Zoom link on our website.

Other sailing news:

The Newport to Ensenada race starts on Friday, April 23 at 11 am. There are actually three races: Newport to Ensenada, Newport to San Diego, and Newport to Dana Point. If you don't want to go to

Newport Beach to watch the start (just off the Balboa Pier), you can hang out in Dana Point that afternoon to watch the finishers of the N2DP race.

The America's Cup is over; however, mark your calendars for SailGP Bermuda, which is scheduled for April 24 & 25. It should be covered by CBS Sports (Channel 714 or 314 on Village cable).

Happy sails to you,

Pat

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### Sailing Academy Graduation



16 Members of Laguna Woods Yacht Club successfully completed the six-week Fundamentals of Sailing course. Hour-long 'classroom sessions were held every Monday morning via Zoom. In addition, students met every Tuesday in Dana Point at the dock where Hiatus resides to gain practical

hands-on knowledge and each student had an opportunity to participate in a sail with Skipper Terry Miles and Academy Dean, Tammy Rones.

Here are a list of the graduates:

- Brigitte Archer
- Joy Beckstrom
- Trish Belisle
- Sandy Benson
- Nancy Brown
- Candice Coleman
- Ray Dapp
- Herbert Kim
- Larry Liguori
- Robin Liguori
- Anita Loos-Hannifan
- Brenda Miller
- Lance Miller
- Debi Rand
- Rick Ruelo
- David Siler

Our thanks to the instructors:

- Tammy Rones, Dean
- Wayne Carlson
- Terry Kesinger
- Claudia Myers
- Pat Rojek
- Jeff Sadler
- Jim Updike

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### **Social Committee Restarts**

When Covid-19 struck in March of 2020, the LWYC was forced to curtail all activities. As the year progressed, the Board found ways to gradually resume some activities in a manner consistent with state and county health guidelines. In May we resumed our monthly membership meetings using the Zoom video platform. In mid-June, after careful consideration and study, we resumed a modified day sailing program with limited crew size, masking and social distancing requirements, and sanitizing of touchpoints before and after

each sail. In October we introduced the Mini Happy Hour – 10 or fewer people, outdoors, social distancing, and no sharing of food and drink (BYOE).

On January 18, 2021 we sent an email to our membership with a draft activity calendar for 2021 including aspirational dates for resumption of regular happy hours, in-person monthly meetings, larger crew sizes, destination sailing excursions, picnics, parties and more. We said, “While it is possible that the specific dates could change (sooner or later), we want our membership to know that we are committed to returning to normal as safely and as soon as possible.”

We recently got some very good news from Orange County! If current trends continue, we will be entering the less-restrictive “Orange” tier of Covid-19 restrictions as soon as March 31! The Board has taken this as a signal that it is time to restart the Social Committee! The Committee will begin meeting immediately to plan and implement our vision for a post-Covid Laguna Woods Yacht Club. There is light at the end of the tunnel! Stay tuned...

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### **Non-Hosted After Sail Happy Hours**

The Mini Happy Hour concept has proven to be quite popular with our members. Soon we plan to experiment with a new concept - the Dockside Happy Hour (DHH). Several of our skippers routinely have happy hours after their sails in the picnic area of the marina. The DHH will be a “non-hosted” event (i.e., the skipper is not the host). DHHs will be posted for signup on LWYC web site and Wild Apricot app. The hours will be 4:00pm to 5:00pm and attendance will be limited to six people, or less. Participants will meet at a designated place in the marina area and find a picnic table or other location where chairs could be set up. There will be no guarantee that the skipper for that day will be back at any particular time, or that they or their crew would be able to participate in the DHH ... but you never know. Hopefully this will be another way for our membership to stay in touch. Look for more information on the DHH coming out soon and stay in touch as COVID restrictions are eased.



### Web Site Tips

- If you are a Member, be sure to log on when you visit the web site, [lwyachtclub.org](http://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.

If you have questions and/or ideas about our web site, please contact Jim Updike at [jeusail@gmail.com](mailto:jeusail@gmail.com).

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