



THE MAIN SHEET

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LWYC

Organization Chart

- Commodore - Terry Kesinger
- Vice Commodore - Glenn Brown
- Rear Commodore -

- Gaye Christoffersen
- Recording Secretary - Kayli Offerle
- 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



Meet Rear Commodore Gaye Christoffersen

I taught at Johns Hopkins University, SAIS, Nanjing Center (2012-2021), the Naval Postgraduate School (2000-2004), the University of Hawaii, and Eastern Mediterranean University. I was the first Fulbright Professor to get into Vladivostok, at Far Eastern Federal University (1992-93) and was also a Fulbright Professor at Chinese Foreign Affairs University (1998-2000) which is under the Chinese Foreign Ministry. At NPS, I initiated a maritime dialogue between the US Navy and the PLA Navy which the Secretary of the Navy supported but the Secretary of Defense did not, so it did not go forward. I bet they wish they had one now.

- 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

Whaaat??!!

Here's our brave (crazy?!) skipper, Jeff Sadler, being pulled up the mast to untangle our club burgee which had become caught in the shroud.

Recent publications include Russia in the Indo-Pacific: New Approaches to Russian Foreign Policy, Routledge (2022) as editor and author. In The Asan Forum: "Russian Thinking about CSTO Peacekeeping: Central Asia, China, and the Ukraine War"; "The Russian Far East and China's Northeast: A Decade in the Shadow of the Belt and Road Initiative"; "Sino-Russian Local Relations: Heihe and Blagoveshchensk". In the Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies Journal: "Chinese, Russian, Japanese, and Korean Strategies for Northeast Asian Cross Border Energy Connectivity"; I am currently publishing a co-authored book titled Putin's "Turn to the East" in the Xi Jinping Era with Routledge (August 2023).

I have two children and two teenage grandchildren who live nearby. My two siblings, one daughter and I are all graduates of the University of California—Berkeley, Irvine, and UCLA, and my brother teaches at UC Santa Barbara. My father lived to be 100 years, 7 months and 2 weeks, so now I am worried I might have the longevity gene.

I bought a home in Laguna Woods Village in 2020 during the covid lockdown when I realized I would not be going back to China for a while due to Covid. I live in Aliso Creek wilderness and watch the egrets and ducks in the creek which sometimes is a raging torrent. I have too many books and need to give some away.

I have a group I scrabble with that I call The Scrabblers. When we Scrabble, we listen to jazz and blues, and drink Angels Envy bourbon. I am obsessed with Sudoku.

I miss the time when I lived in China and traveled frequently within Asia, Europe, Russia, and the Middle East. I have also lived in Russia, Turkish Cyprus, and a summer in Stockholm. In the past year I have only visited Norway, Huahine in French Polynesia, and Indiana. I hope to travel more when covid subsides in Asia. My favorite escape is a shack at Crystal Cove, #19a The Sea Shanty.

I long ago had a Teak Lady sloop with dark red sails, and then a Cheoy Lee ketch. Both were built



in Hong Kong. I miss the Cheoy Lee. I am learning a lot by sailing on the Hiatus and in the Sailing Academy.

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.*

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 **N.B.** The food table will not be opened until 5:15. Please wait for the announcement.

5:15-6 Potluck dinner (last call for food and drink at 6)

6-7 General meeting

A Few Fun "Fotos"

(I cannot edit the error in #1. Are you now all looking for it? 🐟)



Upcoming events

GET EXCITED NOW!!!

(Details to follow as finalized)

July 5 - Happy Hour and General meeting. Watch for the e-blast to register and join us at 4:30 for the Happy Hour. The potluck will open at 5:15. Please wait for the announcement. Wear red, white and blue to "Show Your Colors."



"This is your idea of converting your boat to a sailboat, a sheet? And while we're on the topic, is that one of my good sheets?"

**Who Owns this
Funny Clothing?**



July 26 - Registration for the Doheny Beach is now closed. Hope you are signed up. It will run from 2:30-8. There will be hotdogs, sides and s'mores provided by the Club. Members will pay \$10. Guests are \$20. We're still looking for volunteers which you can do on the website.

August 2 -Aloha! We will have a Hawaiian theme for our general meeting. Along with that will be a presentation by Vicki Sweet, "How to Talk Like sailor." Aaaarrgh!

September 12 - Save the date, also, for our annual picnic at Dana Point being set up by Joy and Glenn. Check-in will run from 10:30-12, so don't be late! No admission cost for members with \$10 for guests. Burgers and dogs will be \$7 each for all. Watch for registration and the full details on Wild Apricot at a later date.

December 2 - *Save the date* for our 3rd Annual 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. DJ Cesar will handle the music for our dancing pleasure and play until 9. Clean-up will start after that. Martinez is catering, but there will be minor changes to this year's menu. Watch for the details here in future issues.

December 8, 9 and 10 - It looks like the Club will be participating in the Dana Point Boat Parade, again. Another announcement will be made at the general meeting in July to get a group together. Ed Marcus will also be sending out a notice for those who are interested in being part of the fun. Feel free to contact him now at 224-231-8371.

Possible presentations to finish the year:

October - Gaye is working on a presentation by the Michael Lawler who, with his girlfriend, sailed around the world in three years.

November - "Old Salts" about Ernie Minnie who owned Josh Slocum's in Newport Beach

2024 - Terry Kesinger is focusing on a San Diego event which may include a docent led tour of the

[Doheny Facts](#)

The beach was donated by oil tycoon [Edward L. Doheny](#) for public use on May 31, 1931. It was California's first state beach. On July 1, 1963, the beach was named Doheny State Beach in his honor. The original donation was 41 acres. An additional 21 acres was later added by acquisitions from the [Santa Fe Railroad](#), [University of California Regents](#), and the [Union Oil Company](#). An additional 192 acres not owned by the state are included in the site's official total area.

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.

Maritime Museum. Sounds like something to get excited about.

We're still looking into other events. **If you have ideas, please contact Social Committee co-chairs Anita Loos-Hannifan or Kayli Offerle with your ideas.**

Mini Happy Hours Need Hosts!!!

What happened to Mini Happy Hours?

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 July/August 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 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!
