



Laguna Woods Yacht Club

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



Off Dana Point on her Catalina 27

Gypsea Girl

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

Meet Your Skipper

Susan Obermiller

I always sought out adventures, and my first big adventure was joining the US Army and moving to Frankfurt, Germany when I was 24. I was stationed at Michael Barracks and was part of the Army Security Agency for almost thirty-three months. I was able to travel throughout Europe on weekends, and during the summer when I took my month's leave from the Army. I was fortunate to get a "military hop" on a cargo plane that was headed to Athens, and from there bought a ticket on a large ship to Paros, one of the many Greek islands! I fell in love with the ocean, sailing and the Greek people.

I became interested in sailing in my 40's when I moved to Austin, Texas. Lake Travis was a boater's paradise. I bought an old Catalina 22, the first of five sailboats that I have owned. In 2003, I completed my ASA certification and have been able to charter in Greece. I am planning future charters with friends. I have completed several boat deliveries, one from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas and one from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Being far offshore and seeing the brilliance of the stars, planets, and Milky Way at night is amazing. It's incredibly

- Maintenance - Darrel Vorderstrasse
- Main Sheet - Sandi Marcus
- Membership - Jack Dunnigan
- Program - Gaye Christoffersen
- Sailing Academy - Glenn Brown
- Social - Anita Loos-Hannifan & Kayli Offerle

Looking for a Membership Committee Volunteer

Would you like to do something to help the Club? The LWYC Membership Committee is looking for someone to help with administrative support for the Committee. Jack Dunnigan is the Chair of the Membership Committee, and organizes the Committees agenda and implements its decisions. He is looking for someone to work with him to help it run smoothly.

The Membership Committee performs the essential job of evaluating applicants to make sure that the Club gets the best new members possible. The

peaceful, and I love seeing the sea birds, turtles, and the dolphins and whales passing by.

My partner Patti Day and I currently own a Catalina 36 and spend much time on a mooring on Catalina Island where we enjoy kayaking, hiking and snorkeling.

When we are not working (both part time) or sailing, we enjoy traveling. Our trip last year to Prince Edward Island in Canada was interrupted by Hurricane Fiona! We are headed back this year to finally explore the island, and surrounding areas.

I have enjoyed life here in Laguna Woods since 2013, when I purchased my first condo. My parents owned a home here in the 90's, and I spent holidays here with them throughout the years. I'm so happy they introduced me to Leisure World, as it was called back then. I had always hoped to someday live here and was thrilled when I finally bought my home here. When I'm not sailing, I'm playing Pickleball, gardening or enjoying the beach.

I was so delighted to discover the LW Yacht Club and joined immediately! That was ten years ago when we had approximately 50 members! The club members are delightful and I'm grateful to be a Skipper!

IMPORTANT!!

The problem with our web site has been fixed by Wild Apricot and is now back to normal. You can continue using the alternate website <https://lwyc.wildapricot.org/> or use our usual site at <https://lwyc.us/>

Your login credentials and all functionality are exactly the same with both websites.

We appreciated your patience.

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

waitlist for Club membership has stayed fairly steady at more than 40 for most of the past year. For the past two years, the waitlist has grown much faster than the Club's ability to add new members. The Committee evaluates each application to ensure that newly accepted members will contribute to the Club's main goal of providing great sailing opportunities to members.

Providing administrative support is not a technical challenge. It involves mainly watching the membership list for openings, organizing information for the committee, and implementing Committee decisions through email and Wild Apricot. If you would like to help, or would just like more information, get in touch with Jack at: dunniganj@verizon.net.

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

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) **N.B.** It's been noticed that those at the end of the food line have found slim pickin's. Each member should bring a food item that would serve 10-12 people. Couples = 2 members. 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!!!

(Details to follow as finalized)

September 12 - Our annual picnic at Dana Point has been set up by Joy and Glenn. It runs from 11:00 - 2:30 with check-in from 10:30 - 12:00 **ONLY**, so don't be late! No admission cost for members with \$10 for guests. Burgers (beef and veggie) and dogs will be \$7 each for all.

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

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS!!

Mark	Schlossberg
Mary	McAdara
Cindy	Leonard
Michael	Leonard
Dan	Clifford
Gregory	Howland

Please remember to say "Hi" at the next meeting.

How About a Smile!

Funny Boat Names

1. Passing Wind
2. She'll Get Over It
3. Hydro Therapy

Registration and the full details are on Wild Apricot *now!* It closes Sept. 7, so don't wait.

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 so we have plenty of time to boogie. Martinez is catering, but there will be minor changes to this year's menu. Watch for the details here in future issues. Anita and I are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up.

There will be no September general meeting!!

December 8, 9 and 10 - If we get enough volunteers, the Club will be participating in the Dana Point Boat Parade, again. The first Boat Parade meeting is Sunday, August 27, 5:30-7:30 in the 2400 Via Mariposa W rec room. Look for the e-blast in Wild Apricot to register, call Ed now at 224-231-8371 or please come by if you'd like to help.

Possible presentations to finish the year:

October - Gaye is working on a presentation by the Michael Lawler who has made many fascinating sails.

November - "Old Salts" about Ernie Minnie who owned Josh Slocum's in Newport Beach is one possibility. Gaye is also working on a back-up.

2024:

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.

We're still looking into other events. **If you have ideas, please contact Social Committee Chair**

4. Bow Movement
5. The Codfather
6. Pier Pressure
7. Cirrhosis of the River

Anita Loos-Hannifan at (949) 422-4454 with your ideas.

On a Personal Note

My older granddaughter is trying to raise funds for her 8th grade school trip to Washington, DC and NY 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. (We will continue until her younger sister is funded, too.) Just call me at 847-858-0520.

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.

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 September/October 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!
