Laguna Woods Yacht Club

November 2023



THE MAIN SHEET

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LWYC

Organization Chart

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

Hiatus 2022 DP Boat Parade

"Surfin' USA"

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



The Commodore's Corner by Terry Kesinger

It may be hard to believe, but we are just days away from the annual Dana Point *Boat Parade of Lights.* From Friday, December 8 through Sunday, December 10, 2023, boaters and sailors will decorate their vessels to reflect the theme of the parade for a chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash prizes across several award categories, courtesy of Dana Point Harbor Partners. Award categories include Best Use of Theme, People's Choice, Supervisor's Cup, Mayor's Cup and our favorite, "Most Spirited."

Once again, LWYC will be well represented under the leadership of Parade Chairman Ed Marcus and his dedicated team of volunteers. This year's theme is Candy Land -- a classic board game created by Eleanor Abbott and first published by Milton Bradley in 1948. According to Wikipedia, "[t]he game requires no reading and minimal counting skills, making it suitable for young children."

Unfortunately, we can't give you any previews of our plans in case an errant copy of the Main Sheet happens to fall into the hands of a rival parade entry. But we *can* tell you that a very popular parade crew member from 2022 will be making a 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 <u>you</u> 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 triumphant return appearance you won't want to miss.

The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. each night. Throughout the Boat Parade of Lights, the City of Dana Point's Jolly Trolley will run from 5 - 10:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there to cheer us on -- crowd response has a positive impact on the judges.

"If you're not in the parade, you watch the parade. That's life."

~ Mike Ditka

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.*

<u>PLEASE</u> 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 <u>bell to ring</u>. 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. 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

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! LAST CALL to buy your LWYC merchandise. Look great while making a donation to the Club!!

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 <u>sandim25@hotmail.com</u>. 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)

December - There will be NO general meeting!

December 2 - It's almost time for our Annual Starry Night Holiday Party! **Registration is now closed.** We hope to see many of you there. **This is going to be a FUN night!!**

If you're available to help set up, please arrive at 3 dressed for the evening.

Contact us at <u>anitahannifan@gmail.com</u> or <u>sandim25@hotmail.com</u> if you can help with setup or clean-up.

**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 meetings were Nov. 27 and 28. Costume ideas were finalized. The ladies attending tried on the full costume. I can tell you that NO ONE will look like our crew!! Boat decor has been decided and the guys have big plans for the lighting. King Candy has been dressed and will be high in his glittery gold throne (TY Linda M) on the mast. Miranda has dressed him royally. Ed and Joy have made some fun props. Ed and Lance have finished the stairway to the throne. David's lighting will blow your mind! No more meetings are

Puns/Groaners

 The New York Times just contracted me to row a boat for an upcoming story.
 I'm the Times's new Row-man.

2) In what does CaptainJack Sparrow usuallycook?Pyrex of the Caribbean.

 Why did the Norwegian sell their boat?
 They couldn't a-fjord it!

4) I took my laptop on the fishing boat one day when it fell in...It was "A-del," rolling in the deep.

5) What do you call four Spanish guys in a capsized boat? Quatro sinko. planned at this time. We will be sailing all three nights at 6:30.

Looking to the future:

2024:

January 3 meeting - A presentation is in the works by one of our favorites, Wolfgang Kutter. Wolfgang always has beautiful pictures to highlight his snappy commentary. Can't wait to see what he has in store for us to start the new year!

The previously mentioned ideas for Winter and early Spring will be decided in the first quarter next year. Watch for the news.

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.

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 December/January 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 <u>gaye christoffersen@yahoo.com</u> 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!

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