

## Laguna Woods Yacht Club

June 2020



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***Good News!***

***All Membership extended for two months!***

***See The Commodore's Corner for details.***



## The Commodore's Corner

Wayne Carlson

Fellow Sailors:

Things are looking up in paradise! The Marina at Dana Point just announced that the public parking lots on the island are now open! Although this may sound like a minor victory, opening the public parking is one of the hurdles we faced before we can again begin sailing. There are, however, a number of challenges remaining. We must still consider all state, local and marina regulations/recommendations. More encouraging news is that the state has now moved into phase 2 of a 4-phase approach to opening up. Although phase 2 is still quite restrictive, it does indicate positive progress in our efforts to contain the effects of the Corona virus.

The LWYC Board of Directors has been working behind the scenes to formulate not only a plan but also the actions necessary to safely begin sailing again. Additionally, Rear-Commodore Terry Miles, as well as Doris VanZandt, Social Director, have been working on plans to restart our social activities. I would like the members of the LWYC to keep in mind that, moving forward, we may restart our previous activities (e.g. Happy Hour, General meeting) but these activities may take on a different character. Gathering at 2400, bringing and sharing food and beverages for Happy Hour may not comply with applicable regulations and Laguna Woods Village guidance but that doesn't mean that we can't reformat these activities in a way that will comply. Stay tuned for the specifics as they are developed.

Lastly, I am so impressed with the manor in which the membership of our club has handled the current circumstances. Using a wonderful southern adverb/pronoun, "All y'all" have been exceedingly patient. To acknowledge these extraordinary circumstances during which all of our activities have been put on hold the board is extending all LWYC memberships by 2 months. That means that you will be getting 14 months for your 12-month membership fee.

Again, thanks to all for your patience and "Stay Calm and Carry On"!





### A Word from the Rear Commodore Terry Miles

Hi Sailors

In my article last month, I talked about the planning the LWYC Board is doing in preparation time when we can get back together again and go sailing!

The Board is still hard at work on safety requirements for events on Hiatus and, of course we you know just as soon as the Club is in a position to be able to take you out sailing. When we able to get aboard Hiatus, it will most likely be a phased approach. While we will do everything can to provide for a safe environment, there will be some common sense things you can do :

- · If you are not feeling well, of course, stay home!
- · Social distancing will no doubt be with us for a while, so you will want to avoid car p
- · Wearing a face covering will probably be with us for awhile
- · The sharing of food and drink isn't a good idea
- · Bring along you own supply of hand sanitizer

This is certainly not an exhaustive list and the Board will most likely have additional requirem

While we are on this 'stay at home' order, one of the things you might want to consider is loo into the purchase of your own Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Things are pretty slow at ma hardware stores like West Marine ([www.westmarine.com](http://www.westmarine.com)) and this might be a great time to g good deal on a PFD. If you would like my advice on PFD's, send me an email and I'll try to h can reach me at [tpmgolf3@gmail.com](mailto:tpmgolf3@gmail.com).

Stay safe!

Terry Miles - Rear Commodore

### Words from The Marina at Dana Point

We, of course, have a slip for Hiatus in the Dana Point Marina. Periodically we receive updat the Marina Management. Here are a few excerpts from the latest update:

#### **“Happy Memorial Day from The Marina at Dana Point!**

We want to take a moment to honor and remember our military personnel who bravely serve protect our freedom. To all who have served or continue to serve... thank you. It is during the strange and difficult times that we truly realize the precious value of freedom and the sacrific

were made and continue to be made by brave Americans to preserve and protect that freedom. There are a variety of virtual celebrations happening on Monday including Dana Point's annual ceremony. Please continue reading for more information on how to participate in this annual from the safety of your home.

We are looking forward to a busy weekend in the harbor as Memorial Day kicks off the unofficial start of the summer season. We are expecting fantastic boating weather complete with light and sunshine. Enjoy and stay safe!"

### **"Parking Restrictions & Requirements for the Holiday Weekend**

Our team of parking gate attendants are doing a fantastic job! They will be out again this weekend through Monday looking for those marina parking stickers and/or guest passes for entry. A new issued parking decal or guest pass is required for entry into the boater lots. The marina office is open 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday. Please plan ahead to pick up a guest pass if you are expecting company. You can email or call in advance and we will be happy to prepare the pass and have it ready. We will even leave it with the gate attendant if you prefer.

Guests not displaying a valid guest pass may be asked to wait at the parking entry until the boat they are visiting arrives to retrieve them.

Please be advised that trailers are not permitted in the boater parking lots for any reason or length of time. Motorhomes or campers are also not permitted in the boater parking areas. We see a noticeable improvement over the last couple of weeks and appreciate your cooperation."

### **"Social Distancing & Gatherings – Regulations Still in Effect**

Memorial Day weekend tends to be a celebratory affair filled with friends and family on the waterfront. Although guidelines are loosening a bit, social distancing and gathering regulations remain in place. As we continue to navigate these strange and challenging times, we must accept a new normal. We continue to ask that you and/or your guests please be courteous and respectful of others.

Not Permitted:

- Gathering on dock fingers. Gathering on main walkway. Gathering on gangways.
- Gathering on sidewalks/walkways. Gathering in parking lots.
- Gathering on the water (raft ups, etc.)
- Pop-up tents on the docks, sidewalks or in parking lots.
- Tables, chairs or umbrellas on the docks, sidewalks or in parking lots.
- Grilling or cooking on the docks, sidewalks or in parking lots.

We have seen many creative attempts by boaters wishing to gather under the radar. Unfortunately, gathering in any capacity is still a gathering and impedes upon safe path of travel for others. Our goal is to provide at least six feet of space between you and individuals with whom you do not know. We wish to provide a safe and adequate socially distant path of travel available to all. With that in mind, there is zero tolerance for gatherings on the docks and property. Please plan to hangout aboard your boat and refrain from sedentary activity on the docks.

Gatherings on the water are also not permitted. You are free to use the harbor, your boat and the waterways but please refrain from rafting up, rallying or gathering in a group within the harbor upon harbor waters.

It is still unknown when or if the gathering restrictions will be lifted. In the meantime, we encourage you to please stay safe and be respectful of others."

If you would like a copy of the entire Update from The Marina at Dana Point, please click here [Point Marina Newsletter](#)

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## Virtual Membership Meeting

On Friday May 8, we held our first ever virtual Membership meeting. We had a panel discussion on "What LWYC Means to Me". The panel consisted of current and past club leaders talking about their role in the club as well as what the club has meant for them. The panel was made up of:

- Jan Badgley – Staff Commodore
- Wayne Carlson – Commodore
- Pat Rojek – Vice Commodore
- Terry Miles – Rear Commodore
- Jeff Sadler – Staff Commodore and Dean of the Sailing academy
- Darrel Vorderstrasse – Staff Commodore and Chair of Skippers Committee

As the 'stay-at-home' and 'social distancing' edicts remain in place, we are considering more virtual meetings to keep you involved in your club.

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## Sailing Academy Classes

For our students in this year's Fundamentals of Sailing classes, it doesn't look like we'll be able to meet in person anytime soon. So, we are scheduling the last two classes to be held virtually via Zoom. Here's the schedule:

- Session 4 - Rules of the Road and Practical Navigation
  - Monday, June 1 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am
- Session 5 - Safety and Emergencies
  - Monday, June 8 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

All students enrolled in the Fundamentals class will receive an email with meeting instructions.

At this point we have no way of knowing how much longer we will be in the social distancing mode. We are therefore, postponing the next series of classes, Intermediate Sailing, to be held from October 5 to November 2. This was the time slot originally set for the Advanced Sailing classes which means that we will not be holding the Advanced classes this year.

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We would appreciate any feedback you could give us not only about this newsletter in particular, but on our Club in general. If you have any comments and/or suggestions, please email Jim Updike at [jeusail@gmail.com](mailto:jeusail@gmail.com).