

Laguna Woods Yacht Club

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Website Tip of the Month

Would you like to see some of the club videos and photos? Here's how:

- Logon to the website : <http://www.lwyachtclub.com>
- Across the top of the screen, there are several options, including 'Videos' and 'Club Photos'
- Click either and enjoy exploring!



The Commodore's Corner

Wayne Carlson

Fellow Sailors:

As we enter what feels like week 1000 of California's "Stay-At-Home" order, I find myself constructing rational reasons to push the edges of the letter versus the spirit of the orders and recommendations. After much serious discussion, the Board of the LWYC unanimously decided that the only way that we could promote the safety of our members was to discontinue our daily sails. Although you can make a case that being on the ocean, in the ocean breeze, is arguably the safest and most enjoyable place to quarantine in place, the reality is that the 50 square feet that defines the cockpit of the Hiatus, the area that we occupy for 99% of our sailing time, is so far out of the definition of Social Distancing that sailing in these times is completely unjustified.

True, there are times when the Hiatus may go out for a sail; we encourage skippers to take the boat out but only with a crew consisting of members of their household who are members of their self-quarantine group. This allows for a periodic assessment of the Hiatus and allows us to catch any problems that may develop. Also, a sailboat that doesn't sail is not a happy vessel!

These are very rigid restrictions and comply with the letter and the spirit of the current recommendations.

Others in the Dana Point Marina community have taken a much more relaxed approach to the orders/recommendations but we, the LWYC cannot justify putting our members at any more risk than they currently encounter residing in the village.

With that said, please be patient and understand that your club has the well being of the membership as our number one concern; we are all friends and members of the same sailing community.

Stay Safe,





A Word from the Rear Commodore Terry Miles

The Board has suspended Sailing on the club boat "Hiatus " at this time. We have made this decision with the club members and families in mind. Social Distancing of 6ft make Sailing our boat impossible for a skipper to sail with more than a crew of one without putting members at risk. We also have some day sailing with a happy hour that includes sharing food and beverages in the cockpit. This part of our events will need to stop for the foreseeable future. We will resume sailing activities, including classes on the boat as soon as the State and the Dana Point Marina have given us the go ahead, and the board has complete confidence for the safety of our members.

We are also having to evaluate the current location of the clubs Happy Hours. The 2400 building has the same problem with Social Distancing, food sharing, and the drink table being a problem. We are currently reviewing other locations within Laguna Woods to hold this event. This relocation is on hold until we can review the other gathering locations within the community, and the offices of Laguna Woods are reopened.

Another issue is the General Membership Meetings. The club was informed by the Home Owner's Association that we need to temporarily move our meetings to CH 2 until CH3 has been renovated, this is a good thing as CH2 gives us more room for social distancing. We will need to see if we can permanently move our meetings until this Pandemic is eradicated, which is ??

Your Yacht Club is working on all these issues and more. We will continue to focus on safety of you- the members.

Please keep yourself and your family safe. We will keep you informed of the upcoming changes that will be impacting the club.

LWYC- Board

Hiatus Update

Hiatus on the Hard!

Skipper Darrel Vorderstrasse and First Mate Noemi Epstein delivered Hiatus to the Dana Point Shipyard and she (Hiatus...not Noemi...) now sports new bottom paint. The next task before going back into the water will be replacing the speed transducer in preparation for the installation of the new instruments. Once Hiatus is back in the slip, Darrel will be installing the new speed, depth

and wind instruments in the new pestal.



Sailing Academy Fundamentals Refresher Webinar

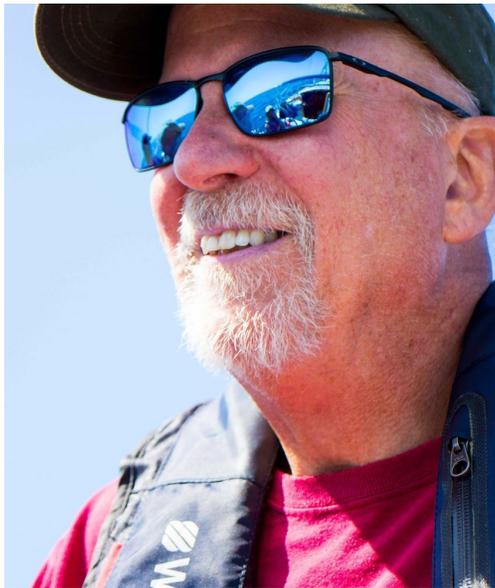
We were only able to hold three of the five classes for the Fundamentals of Sailing class before we needed to postpone due to the COVID-19 situation. Since we can't be certain, at this point, when we'll be able to resume the classes and we didn't want our class of outstanding students becoming 'barnacle encrusted', we held a refresher webinar on Saturday, April 18.

There were 13 students in attendance for the hour long webinar and we reviewed what had been covered in the first three Fundamentals class:

- Wind and the Points of Sail
- Terminology
- Boating Etiquette
- Getting Underway
- What makes the boat go...

The students are well on their way to becoming "Old Salts". In fact, they did so well, we couldn't resist getting them together for a group photo in spite of the social distancing edict...





**Skipper Profile
Wayne Carlson
Commodore LWYC**

Wayne grew up within sight of Lake Superior in one of the most beautiful areas on the great lakes. He always said that Marquette was the perfect town “to be from”.

Growing up, he was surrounded by friends and neighbors who sailed, so sailing was something that “just happened”. He joined the Sea Scouts (Explorers) when he was 12 or 13 and his formal sailing career began. As Sea Scouts in cold country, they would build their boats in the winter and sail them in the summer. By the time he left the Scouts every member had their own equivalent of a sailing Sunfish.

Wayne and Jerry started their Minnesota boating career when they bought a 19 foot Bayliner open-bow runabout. The ‘We need a bigger boat’ fever soon hit and they upscaled to a 26 foot Maxim cruiser. To satisfy the sailing need, an occasional bareboat sailing excursion to the Caribbean was in order.

During his time in the Caribbean, Wayne attended the Blue Water Sailing School attaining the ASA (American Sailing Association) certifications of 101(Basic Keelboat Sailing), 103(Basic Coastal Cruising), 104(Bareboat Cruising) and 114(Cruising Catamaran).

Not only is Wayne one of the Skippers for LWYC, he is on the faculty of the Sailing Academy and the leader of our club serving as Commodore. Wayne has served our club as Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore.

We asked Wayne if he could provide us with a quote:

“Like so many LWYC members, I have a history of sailing that was a bit neglected during my ‘productive’ work years. Sailing came back to the forefront when I moved to Laguna Woods. I hope to continue taking advantage of the sailing opportunities that LWYC offers and, in the end, quietly sail into the sunset!”