



Laguna Woods Yacht Club

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The Commodore's Corner

Wayne Carlson

Happy Thanksgiving Sailors!

I love this holiday! In a normal year, Thanksgiving is a great excuse to get together with friends and family, tell and listen to the same old stories (lies?), and generally relax and celebrate. As EVERYONE on the planet knows, this year is different. Virtual gatherings or very small groups lend themselves well to reflection of what is important and what we are thankful for.

Like many members of LWYC, I jumped at the chance to be a part of the LWYC community shortly after I moved into the village. My reflection on this opportunity has led me to the insight that the club is not the Hiatus. The club is not the social activities that we so enjoy. The club is the membership: the friends, sailors and social members that make-up the LWYC community.

As we move into the holiday season and the coming new year please remember that we are all a part of this wonderful Laguna Woods sailing community! As membership renewal time approaches, please consider the critical position you hold in this great sailing society.

Again, Happy Thanksgiving.

Wayne



Glenn Brown - Then



Glenn Brown - Now

Meet Your Board Rear Commodore Glenn Brown

My first experience with sailing was as a young teenager when I spent many happy hours sailing my sunfish on a lake in Princeton, NJ. I subsequently graduated from high school in Palo Alto, CA, and went off to college in Bethlehem, PA and Boulder, CO. I began my career in the telecommunications industry in Denver, CO in the early 1970s. In the mid-1980s the sailing bug bit me again. I enrolled in a Preparation for Bareboating course in the Virgin Islands operated by Annapolis Sailing School. It was the working vacation of a lifetime! I spent 9 days living on a 39-foot boat learning all aspects of sailing. I visualized the rest of my life sailing ... maybe even around the world.

But life does not always turn out like we planned. The next three decades were spent landlocked, working way too hard, and not sailing. In 1998 I retired from the large telephone company and Nancy and I started our own company McLean & Brown Telecom Consultants. We relocated to Sedona, AZ where we ran the company for the next twenty years.

In 2016 we bought our first condo in Laguna Woods as a summer getaway. We quickly found the Yacht Club and felt very much at home. The Basic and Intermediate courses at the Sailing Academy have helped my old skills return and improve. We love the peace and tranquility of sailing on Hiatus and enjoy

the company of our many friends in the club. In 2019 we made Laguna Woods our full-time home. I feel honored to be able to serve the LWYC as Rear Commodore.

LWYC Board Plans for 2021

2020 will be long remembered as the “Year of Covid.” Just about every area of our daily lives has been affected in some way. It has also been a challenging year for the LWYC, but we have responded and kept our members safe by:

- Moving our monthly business meetings to Zoom:
- Initiating “Mini Happy Hours:” and
- Continuing the day sailing program with appropriate safeguards.

As the Board begins to plan our calendar of activities for 2021, we are encouraged by the development of vaccines that show real promise. While estimates of when we will be able to resume more “normal” patterns of social interaction vary, a consensus is growing that the vaccination program may be widely available by the second or third quarters of the year. In deciding when we can safely resume our favorite sailing and social activities, we will be carefully monitoring three things:

1. When will the Covid vaccination program be sufficiently complete that government agencies will begin to roll back guidelines regarding masking, social distancing, and group size?
2. When will our skippers and members feel comfortable returning crew size on the Hiatus to pre-Covid levels?
3. When will most of our members feel comfortable attending indoor gatherings?

Based on what we know so far, we are developing a 2021 calendar that would reintroduce destination sailing excursions (i.e., Catalina, Alamitos Bay, Emerald Bay, Oceanside, etc.) during the second quarter, and traditional Happy Hours and Monthly Meetings during the third quarter. We are also looking at a Dana Point picnic in the fall, and a holiday party in December. Of course, all of this will depend on the facts as they evolve, but we want you to know that your Board is working to get back to “normal” as quickly and safely as possible.

We look forward to blue skies and good winds as we sail into 2021!

Day Sailing Schedule

A necessary part of our reopening of the day sailing program during the Covid-19 pandemic was a reduction in crew size so that some form of social distancing could be practiced on the boat. This reduction in the inventory of sailing slots has had the effect of making it more difficult for members to book sailing opportunities. To partially address this, we have expanded the sailing calendar to six days per week, but still many members have found it difficult to reserve sailing slots. Some members have also complained that it has been unclear when a new month's sailing dates would open on the website calendar.

To address these concerns, and to make it easier for more members to enjoy day sailing, several changes have been made to the scheduling process. Previously sailing dates for a given month were opened more than one month in advance. For example, under the old system, sailing dates for November would have become available sometime in the latter part of September. This long lead time has had the unintended consequence of increasing cancellations as it is sometimes difficult to foresee events that far in the future. This system was also confusing since the exact date and time when reservations could be made was not known.

The new process changes scheduling in three ways. First, sailing dates will open in the middle of the prior month. Specifically, sailing dates for January will open in mid-December. Second, the date and time that scheduling will become available on the website will be announced to the membership by email approximately 1 week in advance. This will make the scheduling process more transparent and give all members equal access to the available slots. Finally, each member will be limited to a total of 4 requests for a sailing slot or a place on the waitlist.





Kim Shirley

We are saddened to announce the passing of long-time Member, Kim Shirley.

Kim, pictured above on Lloyd Chase's boat, La Chasse, was an ardent supporter and very much enjoyed sailing with the club over the years.

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.