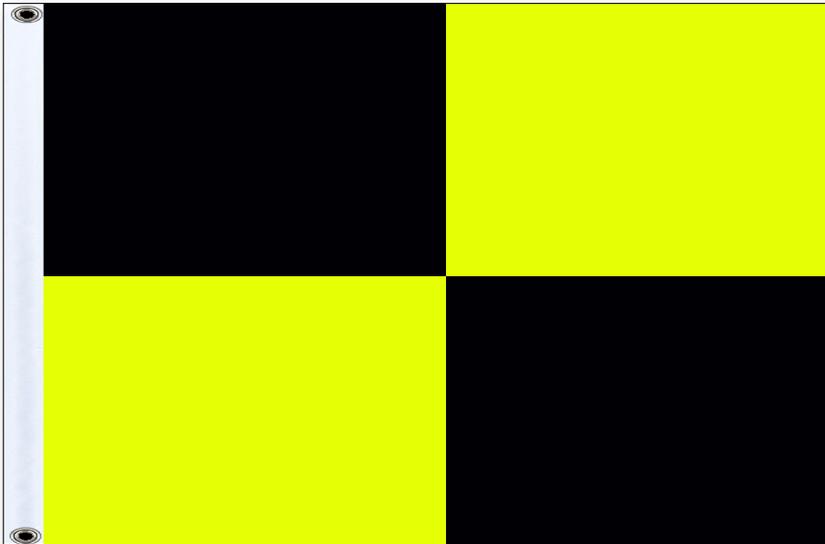


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Signal flag "Lima" called the "Yellow Jack" when flown in harbor means the ship is under quarantine.

Staying In Place

by Stephen Hamilton

Dorothy said there is no place like home ... but she wasn't quarantined and ordered to stay in place ... even home can seem a little confining (pun intended) these days. First and foremost hats off and nightly howls to everyone who is on the front lines in the hospitals and nursing homes ... you really are our heroes. But if you are like me, and I know I am, you are probably searching for things to do ... writing a newsletter is not a full time occupation!. I have dusted off my guitars and have been annoying the dog with my attempts at music. I've baked sourdough bread ... but won't be competing with Della Fatorria any time soon. Fiona and I attended the annual San Francisco Shakespeare Festival gala that this year had to be held on-line. I even put on my dinner jacket ... but not the trousers ... no need! So, I wondered what our PYC colleagues are up to. Thanks to those of you who responded to my email.

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Mike Freeman wrote to say that **Ted and Shari Adams** have been producing Covid masks at home. The first batch of 30 masks was recently completed and given to PYC member and ICU nurse Beth Darrow. Beth in turn has been distributing them to her colleagues at work. They have been quite popular for their comfort and design. So give Ted and Shari a socially distanced thumbs up for their support of those on the front lines of patient care. Well done!

Maureen Gotham wrote that in order to keep sane, she has been keeping in touch with her kids, friends and entire family from afar. She feels extremely lucky to have a wonderful family, who are all safe and showing good judgment! Maureen's family includes a nurse and doctor as well as others in the healthcare field and volunteers on the front lines.

Jay Townley shared his fantasy plan to deal with the coronavirus until the pandemic is under control. Jay wants to sail on his sanitized Lagoon catamaran to Yap and the other island states in the Federated States of Micronesia. According to Jay that is about 5,487 nautical miles from San Francisco. But apparently the inhabitants don't want folks visiting at this time. According to Rachel Withers, an Australian writer and podcaster, "*The Most Drastic Anti-Coronavirus Travel Ban in the World, Micronesia, made up of the island states of Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap, has banned entry to anyone (airline crew excluded) who has been in any country with a confirmed case of coronavirus in the past fortnight.*" Apparently, the Pacific island nations are more at risk than most countries. So, Jay is back to dreaming of sitting in an 8' El Toro, with a 17" draft, floating down the Petaluma River!

Meanwhile **Kathleen and Jay** have been investigating online classes. Jay just signed up for <http://classcentral.com> - free classes from all major universities (Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)). Kathleen is watching videos of classes at Thegreatcoursesplus.com, where the mantra is "*Pursue your passion. Quench your curiosity. Embark on an educational endeavor.*" Kathleen adds that they have been baking and eating lots of cakes, cookies and bread. Also visiting with family online and taking walks each day and working in the garden.

S/C Tom Corbett sent an email to say he and Linda feel so fortunate. Tom writes "Yes, we are in challenging times but we have strength and reason to feel positive about our future. I find myself thinking back over my life and I love my life. I'm feeling so good tonight. I have a wonderful wife and she's dancing to Lou Rawls right now. (*Ed: aren't those in short supply, Tom? ... English humour there!*) Sure, we are surprised and worried to be in a world pandemic. Our country's systems and leadership are being challenged and our trust in our government is at an all time low. But, we've come through tough times before. World and internal wars have pushed the best of what we have to inspire all of us to support our leaders and come together as a community and take care of each other. We can do it again. Trust that.

In our case, we are fortunate to be retired with sufficient income to sustain us through these times. We are trying to support those amongst us who are in what should be their growing years with this huge interruption in progress. What gives us reason to be happy with what we have is our families and friends. I know I'm going on and on and that's what I'm known for.

Oh well. I also feel fortunate to live in Petaluma, a very engaged community that is known for taking care of all. And, what a blessing to be part of our Petaluma Yacht Club! We support each other in so many ways (*including Zoom parties and happy hours*). Linda and I are getting lots of projects done in our home. Also, creating great dishes at home (and sharing photos and recipes with our foodie friends). We will come out of this with some great innovations and more community spirit. We hope all are well and staying safe. Being a hugger, I'm sending cyber hugs to all."

Well said Good Egg 2020 Tom!

S/C Francesca Smith told me that McKenzie and she continue to work during the crisis. Insurance services are considered "*essential*" so they spend some hours each day in the office and some at home. They've managed to tackle a few home projects and planted a small vegetable garden in the back yard. Francesca says they should be flush with tomatoes, cucumbers and green beans this summer! And they've managed to check on the boat

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which is having some work done to fix the heating system. Francesca says that "what we've missed most is family and friends – especially our little grandson – and our active social lives and community engagement. Never have I seen our calendar looking so empty... no PYC events, no service club meetings, no fundraisers, no celebrations, no golf, no anything.... except ZOOM!! What a life saver. It's been great to connect on line. I've been reflecting on stories from my parents about the misery of the Depression and from my grandparents who survived both world wars. I think they'd all tell us to stay positive and count our blessings. Looking forward to really "seeing" everyone again soon."

Thom Knudsen wrote that he has been posting landscape, outdoor and fun family photos every day on Facebook, hoping to give friends some virtual travel fun. Landscape photography is a hobby for Thom and he sent along a few samples to share with us all.



Landscape photography by Thom Knudsen

So we all seem to be coping in our own ways ... I am just glad I am not in England where my eldest brother told me today they don't anticipate re-opening the pubs until Christmas!! Now that **IS** a hardship!

So until we meet again, stay safe and sane!



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New Membership Status

by Co-Chair s/c Tom Corbett

Applicant	Application Date	Sponsored By	Boat	Status
Sara Ferrandini & Terry Brown	3/20/2019	Niles & Mendoza	No	Wait
Vern Chang & Sandy Spring	6/24/2019	Corbett's & Hart's	No	Wait
John & Robyne Hilton	7/26/2019	Keegan /Tarantino & Corbett's	No	Wait
Bill & Chris Diles	8/18/2019	Townley's & Hart's	No	Wait
Ron Noble	1/19/2020	Taormina & Corbett's	Yes	Pending
James & Susan Symons	2/26/2020	Cardapoli & Powell's	No	Wait
Rick Lam & Kathy Wilson	1/3/2020	Linda Frost & Arena's	No	Wait
Charles Dollwet & Norma Eckert	3/6/2020	Mike Gallup & Brazil's	No	Wait

Cocktail Corner

by mixologist s/c Tom Corbett

Aruba Ariba Cocktail

Aruba Ariba cocktail is the signature drink on the Caribbean island of Aruba where they use a splash of a liquor called Coecoei, which can only be purchased on the island of Aruba and cannot be purchased in the United States.

Ingredients

- 1 oz. orange juice
- 1 oz. pineapple juice
- ½ oz. white rum
- ½ oz. dark rum
- ½ oz. banana liqueur

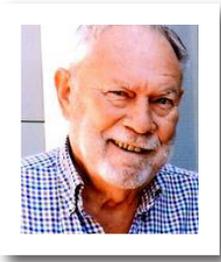
A splash of grenadine for a floater
Dark Grand Marnier, also as a floater

How to Make It:

Fill a Boston shaker with ice. With the exception of the grenadine and GrandMa, add the ingredients and shake. Pour the cocktail over ice, and then add the grenadine and GrandMa for colorful and delicious floaters.



Harold Niles



Staff Commodore (2001-02) Harold Niles was born July 11, 1936 in Gillette, Wyoming and cast off on his final voyage on April 10, 2020 in Petaluma, California.

Harold was the son of Harold Robert Niles and Grace Ann Niles and brother to Janice Nielsen. At age 18, he married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Farlee and then joined the Navy for 4 years. After serving his country, he attended Denver University, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and became a Certified Public Accountant shortly after. Together, Harold and Shirley had three children, Bob, Kim and Yvette.

Harold and Shirley moved to Petaluma in 1975 and although in time went their separate ways, remained lifelong friends. Once in Petaluma, Harold helped found Deaton and Roberts LLP CPA, which later became the prominent firm of Roberts, Niles and Schloetter, LLP CPA.

Harold was a proprietary member of the club and served on the original building committee, and guiding it financially during its formative years.

Al Alys recalls "Harold and a past member owned a sail boat. Many years ago they and another member who owned a large sailboat decorated their boats for the Christmas season. They sailed into basin and moored them there until Christmas was over. This became the origin of the annual club decorated boat parade. It was probably in 1986"

McKenzie Smith remembers that "many a time Harold would ring the bell in the club house and buy drinks for all who were present."

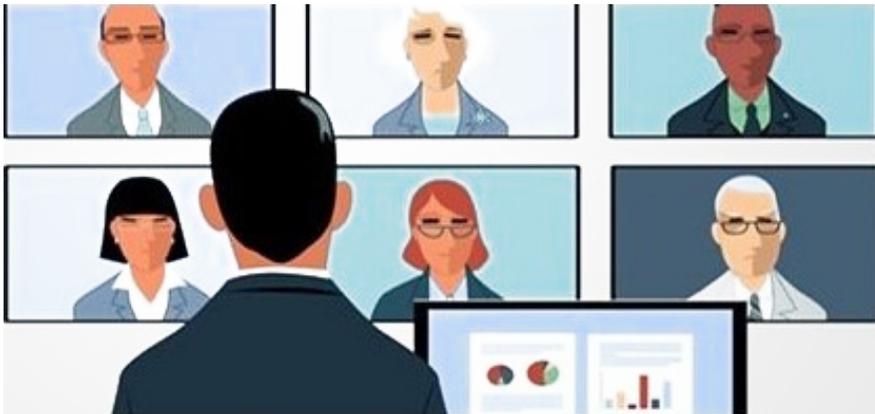
*Al shared one story about Harold. "The club had organized a cruise for New Years 2000 with the ship departing from New Orleans. Harold was fearful of flying, so he traveled to New Orleans by train. Four days into the cruise the ship caught fire and lost power and electricity about 8pm. After the fire was extinguished we floated around and by daylight one engine was restored. Slowly, the ship reached Jamaica where we left the ship to return to the states via chartered planes. Now Harold had to fly or swim. Well Harold had a solution-**Booze!!** After getting loaded and we helping him to his seat where he promptly fell asleep. Upon landing, Harold slept it off in the hotel and the next morning boarded the train home!"*

Harold met Bente Payne in 1988 and married her in 1993, bringing her son Sean Payne and raising him as his own. Harold was a quietly generous man, preferring to keep his numerous contributions to the community anonymous. He had a notoriously dry wit that he kept up until his passing and family was everything to him. Harold is survived by Bente, his devoted wife of 27 years, his son Bob (Loretta) Niles of Illinois, his daughters, Kim (David) Lapp, Yvette Niles and Sean (Nieves) Payne of Sonoma County, his 6 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and his beloved bird "Buddy".

Our thoughts go out to Bente at this sad time.

PICYA News

RBOC Virtual Town Hall Meeting



The Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) is holding its first and free virtual Government Town Hall meeting on Thursday, April 30th at 11:00am.

This forum will provide an opportunity for PICYA club members to hear updates on, and discuss the key public policy issues being debated in California and what RBOC is advocating to protect our interests.

**JOIN RBOC's VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS ON APRIL 30
FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BOATERS 11:00 AM - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

Online Speaker Event

The Half Moon Bay Yacht Club is offering a free virtual speaker event featuring Randall Reeves on April 29th at 19:00 hours.

In October of 2018, Randall set out from San Francisco, California to sail around both the American and Antarctic continents in a single season and alone. One of the most grueling ocean courses yet imagined, this route took Randall through a full lap of the stormy Southern Ocean and into the treacherously icy waters of the Arctic in one long,

figure eight loop and completed the first ever solo circumnavigation of the Americas and Antarctica in one year.

You can register to participate in this free event at <https://halfmoonbayyachtclub.wildapricot.org/event-3812966>



Letters to the Editor

Who is this Whye Waite anyway?

Dear Editor

I look forward to receiving my copy of Chicken Scratch every month and enjoy finding out what is going on at the club. However for the past few months you have carried a column from someone called Whye Waite.

Now I have looked all through the roster and haven't found anyone by that name. So who is this gentleman?

I must admit he has a certain style to his writing!

#confused

Ed: Thank you #confused and we are glad you enjoy Chicken Scratch.

re: Cap'n Waite... All I can say is that we receive a small brown envelope in our mailbox almost every month with his musings .

We just assumed, like you, he was an avid reader and wanted to share his unique views of the world. They certainly are different.

I did a little searching and found he also has a regular column on medium.com

<https://medium.com/sea-stories/do-it-now-whye-waite-efb8125a8e10>

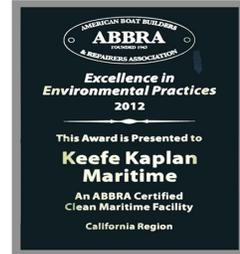


**PYC General Meeting & Dinner
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From Tom's Galley

Scampi Diavolo Flambé



- ⚓ 1-pound shrimp, 2 –25 count, peeled and deveined
 - ⚓ 1 large tomato
 - ⚓ 3 cloves garlic
 - ⚓ 1 red onion
 - ⚓ 10 mushrooms
 - ⚓ 2 tablespoons butter
 - ⚓ 1/4 cup cognac
 - ⚓ 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- ⚓ 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - ⚓ 1/4 cup sherry or Madeira
 - ⚓ 1 package Riced Cauliflower Stir Fry, available at Trader Joe's

Peel and devein shrimp, set aside.

Remove stem from tomato and cut in half. Seed tomato by pulling the seeds out with your finger.

Slice tomato into 1/4-inch thick slices and chop tomato slices into 1/4-inch pieces, set aside.

Peel garlic and chop, set aside.

Peel onion and slice 3 slices, quarter slices and set aside.

Remove stems from mushrooms and slice caps, set aside.

In a large skillet melt 2 tablespoons butter over medium high heat.

Add garlic and sauté a few minutes.

Add shrimp, toss and cook about 5 minutes, turning shrimp until they are pink.

Pout 1/4 cup cognac into skillet and carefully ignite at side. Saute until all flame has expired.

Remove shrimp from skillet to a bowl.

In a large saucepan melt 1 tablespoon of butter over medium heat.

Add Riced Cauliflower Stir Fry, stir and heat 6 to 7 minutes.

To the skillet add sliced mushrooms, 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, onions and 1/4 cup sherry. Blend and heat for 2 minutes.

Add chopped tomato and return shrimp to skillet.

Cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Place cauliflower on plate.

Spoon shrimp and sauce over cauliflower and serve.

These recipes have been created and developed by PYC staff commodore and chef Tom Griffith and are designed to be prepared on board your boat, land yacht or at home using only two burners or a BBQ.



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Whye Waite's Musings

The Free Key To Happiness



This is a weak moment for me. I'm a man—a tough sailing man—but here I go.... Just don't tell anyone.

I'm very successful, if I may say so myself. My success isn't measured in dollars, though, for most people it is. My success is measured by how many nice things I do during the day. Seriously, one thoughtful thing at a time.

I make coffee for my wife every morning. She likes a certain amount of honey, and just the right amount of cream. She smiles, and giggles when I bring it to her, always letting out a pleasing—aaaah, after her first sip.

I say hi to people on the street. They seem shocked, unsure, definitely untrusting, but usually return the nicety with a quick hello of their own, and smiling. It's a beautiful thing watching their faces light up. A frown that I helped turn into a smile. It's a beautiful thing, indeed.

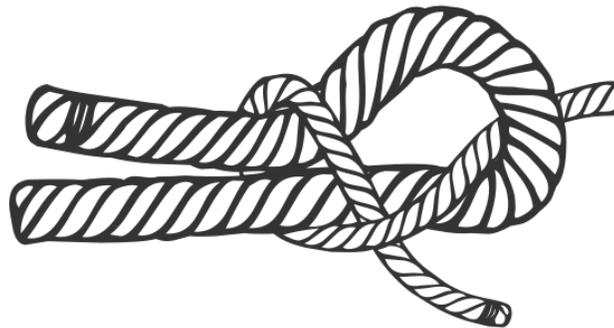
I hold the door open for anyone behind me, always. My mom taught me that. Call me old fashioned. Go ahead. I compliment people on their clothes. "Nice jacket," I may say, or "I love your shoes!" Here comes that smile again.

This has become a habit for me, this is who I now am. It's no longer something I even think about, it just happens. Know what happens next?

It comes back to me tenfold, seriously. My business life, social life, hell— life in general, all get rolled up into one. I don't long for Friday's, and haven't in eons. Doing kind things pay dividends in ways I could never have imagined.

Say hi to the next stranger you see on the street. Tell me how it makes you feel.....

Whye Waite



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2020 Cruise Schedule

by Cruise Co-Chair Mike Freeman

Unfortunately, we will be canceling the planned June cruise to Napa another casualty of the current Covid crisis. On the slim chance that people will again be able to meet in groups, the planning for the Delta Cruise continues. A description of the cruise is shown below.

PYC Delta Cruise

- ⚓ **Devil's Isle Friday July 24th – Monday July 27th**
Reservation made. Uncertain if Island will be open (Covid-19). Oxbow Yacht Club will be joining us
- ⚓ **Delta Yacht Club, Monday July 27th- Friday July 31st**
Reservation made. Uncertain if Island will be open (Covid-19). We will be joined by members of Solano Yacht Club, Tiburon Yacht Club, and the Nordic Tugs Association.

As mentioned above, plans are contingent upon Covid-19 risk being low enough and restrictions being such that the cruise can take place. We will have to wait till closer to the event to make a go/no-go decision.

Action Item:

I would appreciate some feedback from members on whether they are considering participating in the Delta Cruise if restrictions are lifted.

Mike Freeman
Cruise Director
Petaluma Yacht Club

Sunshine and Birthdays

by Sunshine Reporter Laura Brazil

Birthdays and holidays have a different feel in these days of Covid-19 and SIP.



And, we're hoping that if you have celebrated a birthday in this past month, that you have experienced something different, but meaningful like a Face Time birthday serenade, a Zoom Party or even a drive by parade of honking cars! People are getting very creative...

Happy Birthday to all of you May babies, from 6ft away and of course with a mask on.

As always, if you have any news that I can or should share with the Club, please let me know via email at fflaura@sonic.net



MAY

1st James Matthies
8th Gloria Roberts
13th Jerry Cooper
16th Anne Mirante
18th Jennifer Carter

19th Jan Parkinson
29th Randy Hinz, Jr.
29th Richard Tarr
31st Jim Hertwig

Flag Officer Reports

LELAND FISHMAN - *Commodore*



Hello PYC,
I hope this email finds you all well and continuing to cope with this crazy world we're in right now. I wish I could deliver fantastic news about the reopening of the club, but I think we all know it will be a bit longer before we can all feel comfortable being in close quarters. So we will be canceling the May general

meeting and looking forward to June for our first actual meeting. If, and only if, the County Health Department and the State allows us to open sooner than June 5th, we will do so.

As you would expect, everything is very fluid right now, and we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

Please continue to take precautions as necessary, be safe, cherish your family and friends, and know that this shall pass. Anne and I miss you all very much and we can't wait to get the club open so we can all get together.

Your Commodore

Nautical Humor

contributed by David Quist

- ⚓ Where do boats go when they get sick? *The Dock!*
- ⚓ There are 5 cats in a boat. 1 jumps overboard. How many are left? *0, they were copy cats!*
- ⚓ A boat carrying red paint crashed into a boat carrying blue paint. *The crew was marooned!*
- ⚓ Once there was a boat. It's friends said "It's time to come back.". The boat said "*no way, I don't give into pier pressure!*"
- ⚓ Three men are on a boat. They have 4 cigarettes but nothing to light them with. So, they throw a cigarette overboard and the *whole boat becomes a cigarette lighter.*



BRUCE STENDER - *Vice Commodore*



Ahoy!

We are most certainly experiencing a very surreal time in our lives with the battle against Covid-19. Hopefully, if everyone will follow the health rules we can recover safely in the near future.

It is amazing all the things we take for granted, until they are taken away. I finally went for a drive yesterday for the first time in a month (had to charge the battery). I was on a critical mission to pick up our Wilson wine order! We require good wine during this time for our mental health and well being. We most definitely need to take this pandemic

very seriously.

I was concerned about the status of our sailboat Marilyn J. However, I was informed by Loch Lomond Marina to stay away and that everything was in lock down. Can't even go to the boat for a little quality boat time!

I have certainly learned to do many things differently. I never thought I would be doing our banking, "Zooming" and buying groceries on line. We are very blessed to have these options.

I was very sad to hear of the passing of our member Harold Niles. My deepest sympathy to Bente and her family.

I miss everyone. I am really looking forward to our next gathering-hopefully soon. Until then, Be Safe and stay Healthy!

Let the adventure continue!

Club House Bar Duty

May

Bar Manager: Todd Mendoza

Fri 1st & Sat 2nd

Joe & Lauren Lautner

Fri 8th & Sat 9th

Michael Freeman & Beth Darrow

Fri 15th & Sat 16th

Stephen & Fiona Hamilton

Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd

Thom Knudson

Fri 29th & Sat 30th :

Dave & Debbie Powell

June

Bar Manager: Al Alys

Fri 5th & Sat 6th

Garrett & Nicole Hill

Fri 12th & Sat 13th

TBD

Fri 19th & Sat 20th :

Jill Olson & Bryant Moynihan

Fri 26th Sat 27th

TBD

July

Bar Manager: Maureen Gotham

Fri 3rd & Sat 4th

TBD

Fri 10th & Sat 11th

TBD

Fri 17th & Sat 18th

TBD

Fri 24th & Sat 25th

TBD

Fri 31st

TBD

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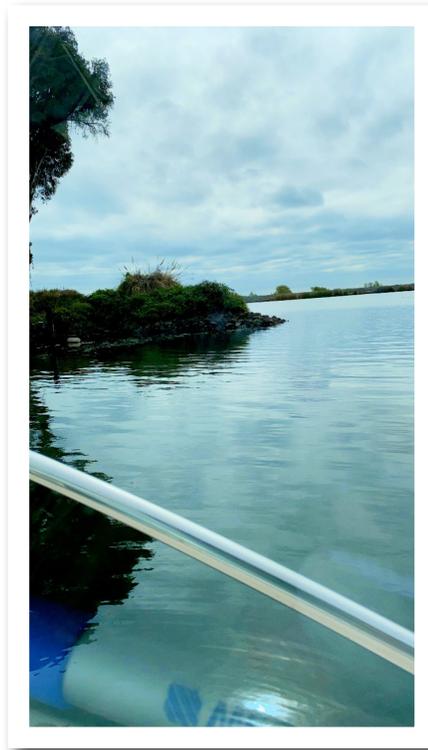
LEANNE GALLUP - Rear Commodore



How is everyone handling this unprecedented time? One thing I do know is that this pandemic has shown a lot of people how to be more present, slow down, and smell the roses (literally). What are the things you miss? I know for me as a social extrovert, I miss my people. I miss everyone at the club, my family, my friends, etc. I miss going out to dinner or going dancing. But just like all things, this too will pass. When? We don't know for sure but I do know it will pass. So, while we zoom each other and take our social distancing seriously with our masks and Purel; let's embrace this time. Enjoy this time of individual solace. But know, we are all in this together.

Peace and Tranquility to you all,
Your Rear Commodore,
Leanne Gallup

p.s. This is a picture was taken while I was drinking my coffee last weekend on Leanne G at the Delta. Tranquility...



Upcoming Events & Rentals*

- ⚓ Saturday May 16th **Rental - Bar Open**
- ⚓ July 17th – 24th – **Cruise Out Delta Cruise**
- ⚓ Aug 21st – 23rd - **Cruise Out Benicia Cruise**
- ⚓ Sept 18th – 20th – **Cruise Out Point San Pablo**
- ⚓ October 4th-11th – *Pacific Northwest Cruise.*
- ⚓ December 19th - **Rental - Bar Closed**

** All dates subject to cancellation in light of the current emergency.*

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Lessons from the Virus

by Bill Gates

Vice Commodore Bruce Stender wanted to share this message from Bill Gates with all our members:

What is the Corona/ Covid-19 Virus Really Teaching us?

I'm a strong believer that there is a spiritual purpose behind everything that happens, whether that is what we perceive as being good or being bad.

As I meditate upon this, I want to share with you what I feel the Corona/ Covid-19 virus is really doing to us:

- 1) It is reminding us that we are all equal, regardless of our culture, religion, occupation, financial situation or how famous we are. This disease treats us all equally, perhaps we should to. If you don't believe me, just ask Tom Hanks.
- 2) It is reminding us that we are all connected and something that affects one person has an effect on another. It is reminding us that the false borders that we have put up have little value as this virus does not need a passport. It is reminding us, by oppressing us for a short time, of those in this world whose whole life is spent in oppression.
- 3) It is reminding us of how precious our health is and how we have moved to neglect it through eating nutrient poor manufactured food and drinking water that is contaminated with chemicals upon chemicals. If we don't look after our health, we will, of course, get sick.
- 4) It is reminding us of the shortness of life and of what is most important for us to do, which is to help each other, especially those who are old or sick. Our purpose is not to buy toilet roll.
- 5) It is reminding us of how materialistic our society has become and how, when in times of difficulty, we remember that it's the essentials that we need (food, water, medicine) as opposed to the luxuries that we sometimes unnecessarily give value to.
- 6) It is reminding us of how important our family and home life is and how much we have neglected this. It is forcing us back into our houses so we can rebuild them into our home and to strengthen our family unit.
- 7) It is reminding us that our true work is not our job, that is what we do, not what we were created to do. Our true work is to look after each other, to protect each other and to be of benefit to one another.
- 8) It is reminding us to keep our egos in check. It is reminding us that no matter how great we think we are or how great others think we are, a virus can bring our world to a standstill.
- 9) It is reminding us that the power of freewill is in our hands. We can choose to cooperate and help each other, to share, to give, to help and to support each other or we can choose to be selfish, to hoard, to look after only our self. Indeed, it is difficulties that bring out our true colors.
- 10) It is reminding us that we can be patient, or we can panic. We can either understand that this type of situation has happened many times before in history and will pass, or we can panic and see it as the end of the world and, consequently, cause ourselves more harm than good.
- 11) It is reminding us that this can either be an end or a new beginning. This can be a time of reflection and understanding, where we learn from our mistakes, or it can be the start of a cycle which will continue until we finally learn the lesson we are meant to.
- 12) It is reminding us that this Earth is sick. It is reminding us that we need to look at the rate of deforestation just as urgently as we look at the speed at which toilet rolls are disappearing off of shelves. We are sick because our home is sick.
- 13) It is reminding us that after every difficulty, there is always ease. Life is cyclical, and this is just a phase in this great cycle. We do not need to panic; this too shall pass.
- 14) Whereas many see the Corona/ Covid-19 virus as a great disaster, I prefer to see it as a *great corrector*

It is sent to remind us of the important lessons that we seem to have forgotten and it is up to us if we will learn them or not.

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