

# **JULY 2021**

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# **Becoming a Sailor**

by Laura Brazil

I really have had my share of "scary" sailing adventures. Heck! For me, scary boat incidents/accidents go all the way back to when Rich and I were first dating & I sunk his aluminum fishing boat in the Petaluma River. It was sort of his fault, but since he wasn't in the boat at the time, I don't think he would quite agree... it was on me. That left a bad taste in my mouth, not to mention a feeling of inadequacy. I was terrified of steering with a tiller-WHY don't boats have regular steering wheels and brakes? It would make driving a boat so much more pleasant!

Then there was the first time we ever sailed on the Bay with friends. We left Sausalito with Mimosas in our hands and ended up with the boat at such a heel, all I could do was pray, and God forbid someone would need me to do anything besides hold on! I thought our son would be orphaned for sure, it seemed like we were going so fast, and all I could do was look down at the rails and the Bay waters rushing by.

Years later, Rich had a hankering to buy a sailboat to use in Clearlake. He found a pretty inexpensive Hunter 20 in good condition and somehow convinced me to sail again with him. How bad could it be, I thought? After

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all, it was just a Lake. I was a Lifeguard and not afraid of the water, just scared to death of having to handle a boat! —did I mention this boat had a tiller AND sails? So, you guessed it, our very first sail together went terribly wrong AGAIN, with a minor malfunction and a sudden change of wind speed and direction. I was left with only two choices-neither of which I wanted to do. Take the tiller (Oh, HECK no!) or go to the bow of the listing boat and take down the sail? I preferred choice #3-jump in and swim. But no, I didn't do that. Holding back tears, and with deep breaths, I made it forward and let down the sail, which instantly made everything quieter and calmer. We fixed our malfunction and motored back to the dock. I didn't sail much more on that boat; it was Rich's thing.

A few years later, though, Rich and I, along with some close friends, decided to rent a catamaran and take sailing lessons in Anacortes, Washington. Rich furthered his sailing courses, and I started mine. The catamaran was Rich's idea because they are so stable, and he thought I would love it. It was a great trip, I did love it, and even though we had a horrible instructor aboard with us, I managed to pass my sailing course in a weekend, and Rich furthered his credentials to Captaining and being able to charter boats anywhere in the world.

Rich and I both loved to go to Boat shows and read Latitude 38 monthly. (These were a safe, fun alternative to being on a sailboat for me) And, I believe it was because of Latitude 38 that Rich got the idea to crew for someone on a Baja Haha. (The two-week sailboat regatta from San Diego to Cabo) Rich did his first Haha without me in 2014, and of course, convinced me the following year to do it as crew along with him. It was an exciting trip, with four other people who already knew the boat we were on, our course, and the Captain. It wasn't what I'd expected at times, in that it got rough and even hard to stay in our small bunk, but again, the crew and the boat were all very capable.

When we landed in Cabo, I realized that I didn't feel like I had done much other than cook meals, do dishes, and keep my night watch partner awake. I still didn't feel like I was skillful enough to handle a 50ft sailboat.

And so, we did the Haha again in 2016, but this time on a very large Catamaran with pretty much all the bells and whistles available to make it easier to sail. It was also the first time I got to do my night watches with Rich. He is so patient and calm with me. He explains concepts in different ways so that I can relate, unlike the sailing instructor I had



who just screamed the same thing louder each time I didn't understand what he was saying. It was a completely different trip; although it was the same course, I started to actually feel more useful on the boat and finally understood more about the wind and the sails.

One night on this trip, we had a boat emergency requiring "all hands on deck"-you never want to hear this phrase in the middle of the night! We all scrambled up on deck ( me, with my now bleeding black eye, having run smack into the corner cabinet of our berth on my way up ) only to find chaos, with plenty of very loud wind.

Our headsail furling drum had come loose, and the HUGE jib sail was half on the boat and half in the water-all very dangerous things, needless to say. It was terrifying for all of us, especially watching the three men harnessed to the boat and out on the trampoline, trying to pull the jib out of the water, all the while dodging the head high, wildly swinging, furling drum. It seemed to have taken almost an hour before all was calm again.

By the time we came back on watch an hour or so later the seas had calmed, and we were motoring. It was a particularly quiet and solemn watch and quite peaceful after just hours ago being afraid that the sea was going to take us down. This was when Rich sadly looked at me and said, "I know... you don't want a sailboat; you want a Stagecoach!" I laughed at that one and told him, no, you're wrong. We discussed what had gone awry and Continued on page 3



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why we wouldn't have let that happen if this were our boat- we agreed. We thought that we had come up with the name of our boat that night, too, "Stagecoach." LOL.

Not long after that, we started looking for our own perfect boat.

Rich knew precisely what we wanted in a sailboat. About 42 feet, a skeg hung rudder and a modified keel, with large water and diesel holding tanks, and no more than a 6' draft. He found *Tally Ho* after seriously searching for a couple of years. We bought her at the end of 2017 and decided to get to know her well and sail her as often as possible in the San Francisco Bay. We did that and had a few minor things redone for safety on the boat. Our plan was to take *Tally Ho* and four others as crew on the Haha. We would then sail her to Puerto Vallarta, where we would leave *Tally Ho* until we retired and able to sail up and down the Sea of Cortez.

Completing the 2019 Baja Haha is another six-week story of adventure in and of itself. By the time we sailed into Cabo, a major tropical storm was about to hit. The port was closed just hours after we found a spot to tuck *Tally Ho* in between two Pirate ships. (SERIOUSLY!) The celebratory champagne was poured for all once Rich miraculously squeezed us into our spot.

Typically Rich is the toast maker in our family...he is poetic and quick with perfect words off the top of his head. I don't quite remember all that he said, but he talked about the many challenges in the last six weeks, about our often seasick but willing crew, and how proud we both were of each of them and that we arrived together safely and with no harm done to Tally Ho or the crew. Then Rich turned to me at the end of his toast and thanked me for all I had done and been through to get us here to this moment, knowing that this adventure hadn't started out to be "my thing" at all. He thanked me too, and I knew how emotional he felt because I did too. It was a BIG deal to come so far! We did it! When he could speak again, he asked me, "Do you have anything to add? ". I looked at him and our crew, and with my glass raised, I blurted out, "I'm an *f*-ing Sailor!"



# **Welcome New Members**

by Membership Chair s/c Tom Corbett

New members Matt & Kelli Riveras and Bob & Alexie Buhrer were inducted and welcomed into the club at the June 4th General Meeting. The Riveras's, sponsored by Tom & Linda Corbett and David Quist & Janny Van Aalderen, and the Buhrer's, sponsored by Rich & Laura Brazil and John & Kristy McDill, join the club as active boat owners. Bob & Alexie's own *Bailey-Ann*, a 22' power boat and Matt & Kelli's 43' flybridge power boat is named *Synderesis*.

Please introduce yourselves and welcome our new members now that our club house is opening up and returning to normal. Members will earn extra points with Matt & Kelli if they know the meaning of *Synderesis* and can use the word in a sentence!



l to r: Linda Corbet, Matt & Kelli Reveras, Alexie & Bob Buhrer, Laura & Rich Brazil



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#### **Bar News**

### Celebrate with our signature cocktails

Celebrate the re-opening of the club house with any (*or all*) of our signature cocktails now available at a celebratory price of only \$7.00 each

#### Sail Away:

Korbel split champagne with an edible hibiscus flower

#### Nauti-Girl:

Cucumber Mint martini with gin or vodka

#### **Perfect Storm:**

Dark Meyers rum with ginger beer

#### PB Jelly-fish:

Peanut Butter whiskey with Chambord



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# **Situations Vacant**

#### **Newsletter Editor:**

The position of Editor of the Petaluma Yacht Club newsletter will soon be available. Any and all members are encouraged to apply;



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# GM Dinner July 9th

Our July General Meeting date has moved one week so as not to collide with July 4th weekend.

#### Menu:

- Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings
- Potato salad, chips
- ♣ Nancy Keller's fa-
- mous beans
- Galley Mate's famous pasta salad
- And a yummy sheet cake for dessert

If you'd like to contribute another side dish, please contact <u>Francesca Smith</u>. If you can volunteer for set-up please contact <u>David Quist</u>.

PYC Grill Masters Tom and Ted will be ready to serve anytime from 6:30 to 8pm.

Special Summer Price = \$10 per person. As always, your RSVP is your promise to pay. Please RSVP by 5pm Tuesday July 6th so David can go shopping!!



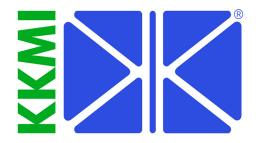








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# From Tom's Galley Shrimp Fajitas

This is a great recipe for outdoor gatherings or sports event buffet like the Super Bowl. It can be made into a taco with great Mexican flavors and a lighter fare using shrimp and no cheese. This can be made a day ahead and heated before serving giving the party host time to be with their guests. It is easily expanded to serve 8 or 12 simply by increasing the ingredients and following the same recipe. I apologize for not having a picture to show you.

#### **Ingredients:**

- ₺ 1 tsp. ground cumin
- ₺ 1 tsp. garlic powder
- ₺ 1 tsp ground pepper
- ♣ 1 tsp kosher salt
- ♣ 1 tsp. chili powder
- ♣ 1 tsp. brown sugar
- र्फे 1/4 tsp. dried oregano
- ♣ 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil + 2 table-spoons
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
- 1 ½ pounds shrimp, 21 – 25 count, shelled, deveined and rinsed.

- 1 large yellow onion, sliced through the stem end into thin wedges.
- ♣ 2 medium bell peppers, cored, seeded and sliced into thin strips
- Warmed flour tortillas
- ♣ 1/4 cup packed fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 lime cut into wedges
- Sour cream (optional)

Combine the cumin, garlic powder, pepper, salt, brown sugar and oregano in a Ziploc bag for the spice mix.

In a medium bowl mix 1/4 cup oil with all but 1 tablespoon of the spice mix.

Add smashed garlic and shrimp; toss to coat. (can marinate for several hours for more flavor if desired)

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. When hot add remaining 2 tablespoons of oil.

Add onion wedges and sauté until softened and starting to brown.

Add bell pepper and remaining spice mix and continue to sauté until tender.

Transfer to bowl.

Return skillet to heat and add shrimp. Cook stirring frequently until cooked through.

Add sautéed vegetables and toss to coat.

Transfer to large serving platter and serve with warmed tortillas, cilantro, lime wedge for squeezing and sour cream.

Serves 4

These recipes have been created by staff commodore and chef Tom Griffith and are designed to be prepared on board your boat, land yacht or at home.





# **Sunshine and Birthdays**

by Sunshine Reporter Rosemary Hart



Hello all!

We've made it to Freedom Day – June 15th. With luck we will put this pandemic in the rear-view mirror! Then, once again we can celebrate with the Cruise-In Yacht Club Members. But BIG KUDOS must go out to those PYC members

that made Memorial Day Weekend memorable for our visitors to the Petaluma dock.

Kevin and I had the honor to join Jill, Garrett and Nicole as taste testers for the annual Memorial Day Drink and Appetizer contest. Mac had prepared a rigorous list of the categories that we were to use in our judging of the contestants. So, on we went...

13 drinks and appetizers later, we added up the points (not easy after 13 drinks) and determined our winners. Thank you all who participated! It was fun to meet all the contestants, and to hear some of their stories. Let's review the grand prize winners.

1st place went to Michael and Jen of the *Cavalino* (and their friend Ann who we don't think helped to create either

the drinks or appetizers but was wonderful at dancing on their deck.) Michael and Jen created a *MexicaLei* drink – a margarita with a Hawaiian twist and a jalapeño kick. Their yacht was amazing, and we were treated like royalty – seated and served delicious Hawaiian appetizers upon china with silver and a few extra sips of ultra-premium Tequilas that they had on board.

2nd place went to Matt, Courtney, Nate and Ella aboard *Tusk* for their *Fighting Ray* drink. I think the judges all loved this cocktail the best. As best we can remember (drink #11) it muddled together strawberry Waterloo sparkling water, mint, jalapeño, Bullit Bourbon, and Rosé with a drop of simple syrup. They named it the *Fighting Ray* because of a skirmish they got into with a ray on their travels up the Petaluma River. Matt and Courtney served our drinks, and young Nate was very maître d' adept at serving the appetizers.

3rd place went to Cathy, Mark, and dog Bailey aboard *Scully Banks* for their delicious *Cardinal Rules* cocktail. Coconut rum, triple sec, lemon juice and the splash of grenadine to add the "cardinal" red to the drink. This drink was in tribute Cathy's alma mater, Stanford. The *Scully Bank's* team received extra special points for their smoked tuna belly appetizer. Yum!

We also need to Honorably Mention our own Francesca of the Lady Francesca. Not only was her drink – the











Michael and Jen on the Cavalino

Matt, Courtney, Nate and Ella on the Tusk

Mark and Cathy on Scully Banks

River City Rip Tide – and her appetizers delicious, and her enthusiasm infectious, but she was also our wonderful host while down on the dock – keeping us hydrated and letting us store our carried items while we were judging.

Worth mentioning too were Forrest and Linda Blue on *Blue Crew*. They went through SO much to get the ingredients for the *5 Alarm Blue Refresher* drink and (because Mac had

proclaimed that bribes were recommended in his Drink Contest Rule Announcement) there was a \$5 wrapper on the drink glass to make the drink a true 5 Alarm. We left the \$5 bills to be donated to Forrest's Firemen Funds except for one \$5 bill which we brought back to young Nate from *Tusk* as a tip for his exceptional wait service!

**JULY** 



Mac and Francesca on Lady Francesca



Your Illustrious Judges Nicole, Jill, Garrett, Kevin and Rosemary



Forrest and Linda Blue on the Blue Crew

# B i R H DAY

3rd Catherine Kubo 4th Casey Arena 8th Eva Moore 10th Matt Riveras 11th Chris Keegan 15th David Quist 17th Donald Roberts 17th Levi Swift 20th Jim Becker 24th Gardner Bride 24th Veronique Anxolabehere 25th Larry Calvert 28th Gerry Reinartz 29th Frank Paula



# Flag Officer Reports



#### **BRUCE STENDER - Commodore**

Ahoy!

What a month it has been at PYC. Memorial weekend was great due largely to the hospitality of McKenzie & Francesca Smith. Everyone had a great time even though PYC was closed. I even had the opportunity to expand the Petaluma Navy by adding several

new Rear Admirals. Marilyn & I passed out cookies, which were well received.

Our first general meeting in over a year was a huge success. It was really great seeing everyone again. Francesca Smith put together an amazing dinner catered by Daniel at Boulevard Café. Al Alys gave a wonderful tribute to Harold Niles and the 8 bells ceremony was very moving. We also inducted new PYC members Matt & Kelli Riveras and Bob & Alexi Buhrer – Welcome!

PYC will be finally opening up very soon! We have established some protocols for our member's safety and health. For our visiting guests, I updated the sign in sheet by adding a "vaccinated" column. A sign will be posted "No Vaccine - Mask Required" on the front door.

I was very disappointed to have to cancel the Delta cruise this year. Hopefully, next year we will be able to assemble a proper fleet for the Delta adventure.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next general meeting BBQ dinner July 9, when we will also be honoring Gloria Roberts with the 8 bells ceremony.

Let the adventure continue!

# **Club House Bar Duty**

**July** Bar Manager: *Linda Blue* 

Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd

Gerry Reinartz & Nancy Walker

Fri 9th & Sat 10th

Nancy Wolf & John Wolthausen

Fri 16th & Sat 17th:

**TBD** 

Fri 23rd & Sat 24th

Steve & Tina Powell

Fri 30th & Sat 31st

Anne Gealta

August

Bar Manager: Sal Taormina

Fri 6th & Sat 7th

Frank & Paula Patty

Fri 13th & Sat 14th

Fri 20th & Sat 21st :

Dave & Debbie Powell

Fri 27th & Sat 28th

TBD

September

Bar Manager: TBD

Fri 3rd & Sat 4th

**TBD** 

Fri 10th & Sat 11th

TBD

Fri 17th & Sat 18th

**TBD** 

Fri 24th & Sat 25th

Sal Taormina

# Sign Up for Bar Duty



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#### **LEANNE GALLUP - Vice Commodore**

As of June 21st, I'm happy to say the club is finally open for business. This means not only are we opened for members but also guests and appropriate cruise in guests. The bar should be hopping this summer with all

the cruise in's and I'm looking forward to it. The bar will be hosted on Fridays from 6:00 to 8:00pm and Saturdays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The credit card machine is also up and running. Upcoming trainings will be held soon so please stay tuned. We have some fun signature drinks being offered at the bar as well. Please see "Bar News" on <a href="mage-5">page 5</a>. All signature drinks are \$7.00 (*bargain*!). I hope everyone has a funfilled 4th of July and if you haven't signed up for bar duty yet, please do.

## Cruise In Calendar

by r/c Linda Lockwood

July

16 -18 Half Moon Bay YC - 5 boats

23-25 Corinthian YC - 10 boats

23-25 Loch Lomond YC - 6 boats

30th - Aug 1 Club Nautique - 8 plus boats

August

6-8 San Francisco YC - 10 boats

13-15 San Jose SC - 5-8 boats

20-21 Sausalito YC # of boats TBD

20-21 Solano YC - 6 boats

#### Sept

17-20 Caliente Isle YC - 10 boats

17-19 Napa Valley YC - 10 boats

19-21 Stockton YC - 1 boat

29 - Oct 3 C\_Ray Boat Club

Oct

15-17 Pt. San Pablo YC 5-7 boats

20-23 Sacramento YC - 15 boats

You can check the latest cruise in schedule by going to the <u>membership site</u> and looking under <u>events / cruise</u> ins



#### LINDA LOCKWOOD - Rear Commodore

Hot weather, BBQ's and lots of Boating That's definitely what June has been and July will be in the Petaluma Turning Basin. As other articles in this newsletter will attest, the Memorial Day Cruise In's were a

delight for PYC members and the entire City. The long summer will certainly bring more of the same! The

turning basin has hosted a little over 100 boats to date (in 2021) and based on reservations (that just keep coming,) we will more than match that in the second half of the year! The number of people on those boats have likely numbered in the many hundreds. It's so great to be welcoming mariners from all over the Bay Area to our City. Incoming clubs will be especially delighted now that PYC is open!

Rental Note - The board has approved the following rentals: Garrett Hill for the afternoon of Thursday, July 22nd. Leland Fishman for the afternoon of Wednesday, August 25th.



# **General Meeting Minutes**

#### June 4th, 2021

- 1) Call to order 6:45pm
- 2) Thanks to Francesca & Daniel- Boulevard Cafe for dinner
- 3) Welcome to everyone at our first in-person general meeting in over a year!
- 4) 8 Bells ceremony for Harold Niles. Al & Francesca performed ceremony
- 5) Induction of new members Bob & Alexi Buhrer and Matt & Kelli Riveras
- 6) Secretary's Report Kristy McDill No Report
- 7) Treasurer's Report Sherri Adams All is in good order
- 8) Commodore's Report Bruce Stender
  - "Save the Date" August 27, 28 & 29th Petaluma River Festival
  - b) PYC Parking enforcement is every members responsibility
  - c) Special Thanks to everyone who made Memorial weekend a success
- 9) Vice Commodore Report Leanne Gallup
  - a) New Credit card machine!
  - b) Signature Cocktails for all members to enjoy

- c) Sign up for Bar duty- bar training June 5th, 3-5pm
- 10) Rear Commodore Linda Lockwood No Report
- 11) Building Report Al Alys- Ted: Repaired both deck doors, installed hand rails at front door, installed new key lock box, repaired bar cooler fan, will be installing steel pipe filled with concrete at front of parking lot, demolition of old ramp soon
- 12) Events Marilyn August 21 Hawaiian luau event
- 13) Galley Francesca- July 9th pot luck general meeting dinner
- 14) Membership -Tom Corbett-Check Newsletter
- 15) Newsletter Stephen Hamilton -Wanted newsletter editor
- 16) Sunshine -no report
- 17) Cruise Outs- no report
- 18) Coop Jill Olson -credit cards now accepted
- 19) PICYA no report
- 20) New Business-
- 21) Good of the club

Meeting adjourned- 8:45pm

# **July General Meeting**

#### July 9th 2021

The next PYC General Meeting will be July 9, 2021 will be in the Club with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Sign up for dinner (see "GM Dinner July 9th" on page 5) by July 5th.

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	RSVP for GM dinner by 5:00pm				Bartenders Wolf / Wolthausen Club Open @ 6:00pm Dinner & General Meeting 7:00pm	Bartenders Wolf / Wolthausen Club Open @ 5:00pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Board Meeting @ 6:00pm	Bartenders TBD Club Open @ 6:00pm	Bartenders TBD Club Open @ 5:00pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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