

Navy Yacht Club
Long Beach

Scuttlebutt



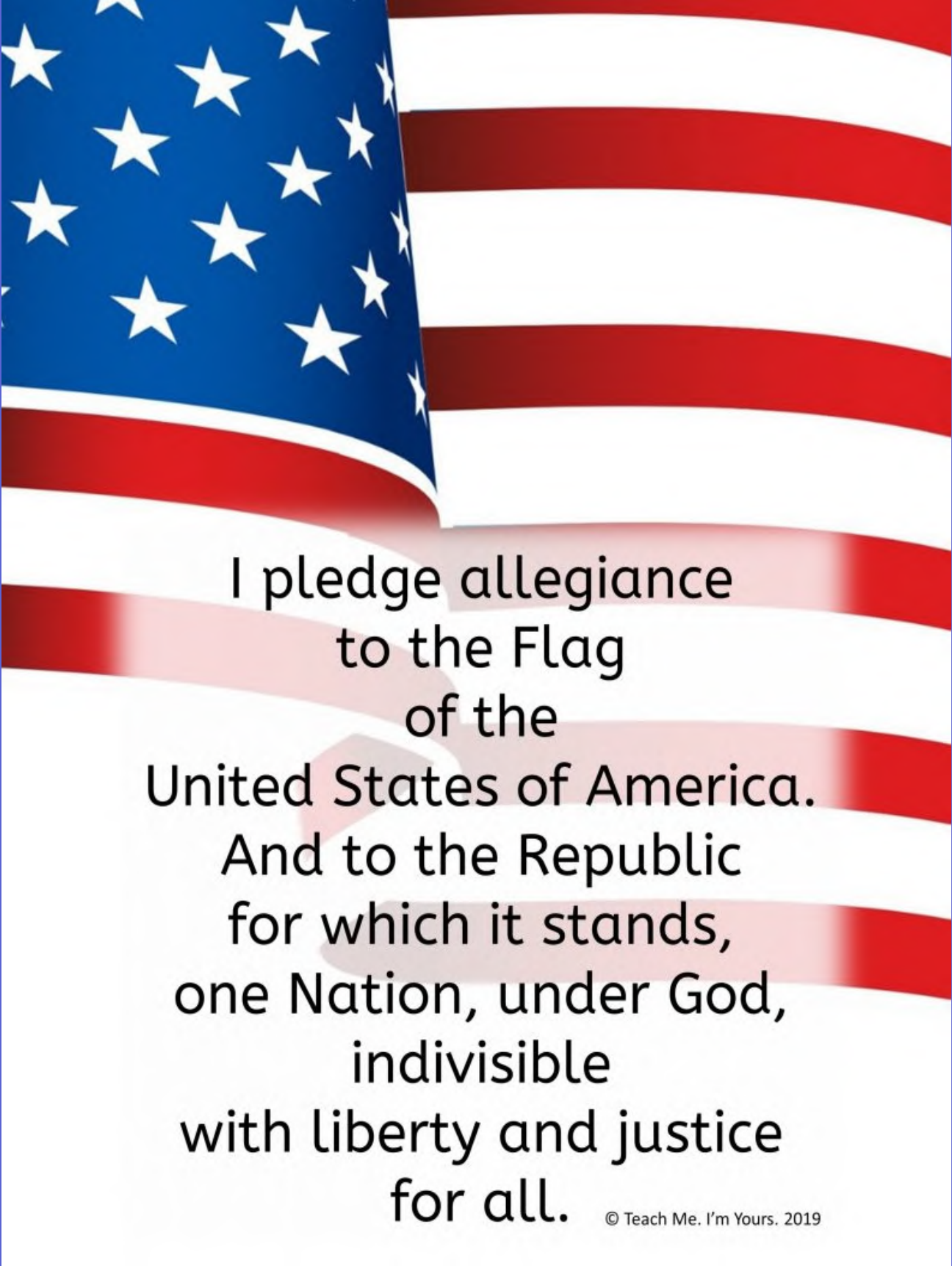
SUNSET PICTURE OF THE MONTH OF MARCH



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 223 Marina Dr.
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The background of the page is a stylized American flag with red and white stripes and a blue canton with white stars. The flag is shown in a slightly curved, waving perspective.

I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the
United States of America.
And to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation, under God,
indivisible
with liberty and justice
for all.

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Commodore Becky Martinez



Happy May to All!

Before you do another thing, be sure to mark your calendars for **June 12**, our **Opening Day!** It's a bit later this year than in the past, and we are looking forward to the continued easing of restrictions. Our planning committee promises a patriotic and fun event, filled with our signature NYCLB-style enjoyment!

I am so happy to report that our Friday night “formerly potlucks” are turning out to be creative, fun, and very well-attended! As the weather gets warmer and people are feeling more comfortable about attending social functions, we are looking forward to even larger gatherings. The April 2 New Style Potluck was a smashing success with a delicious individually provided meal for attendees. Camaraderie was flowing and we surprisingly made a profit. April 23's Pizza Night was also an outstanding success with pizzas donated by members Cindy Ramirez(2), Esperanza Canter, Frank Farmer Family(2), Brenda Cuzzi, Becky Martinez, and Dan and Anja Garwick. Tony and Becky Rietdyk, as always, set up tables and chairs and throughout the evening circulated among members, new and...continuing. Thank you to all who attended and for making both of these events profitable for the club. Because we have been unable to host any large events for the past year, finances have been tough. However, with the generosity from our members who attend our Friday night events, we are making ends meet. Many thanks to all.

Our 2021 committees are amazing in their creative ability to normalize new and ongoing club activities, as they balance safety and fun! The Membership committee is developing new recruitment activities to attract new members. They are also developing new step-by-step application procedures that we believe will streamline the process and attract a solid set of members. Details will follow as the committee finalizes its recommendations.

The Activities Committee continues to move forward with the wonderful work they all accomplish. Not only are they working to plan new and ongoing activities, they also must pay extra attention to the details of each activity, mindful of restrictions and always mindful of members' safety. On top of that, they have done a fabulous job reaching out to the community for donations to make each of our events memorable!

The Bylaws ad hoc Committee met several times earlier this year. They reviewed the club's by-laws and made a few corrections and clarifications before submitting their recommendations to the Board. You will soon be receiving a letter asking you to review these changes and giving you an opportunity to vote on them. Members of this committee are Chairman Doug Wilson, Rear Commodore Heinz Butner, Moti Cohen-Doron, and Camille D'Esopo.

Friday, May 7 is National Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The activities committee has been working hard to make this a very special evening for our club's veteran spouses. This event will be a bit more formal than our usual Friday Night Potlucks, with tables nicely dressed and set up with decorations. There will be a rose for the ladies and a boutonniere for male spouses. Our reservations closed early, and I am sorry if you missed the deadline to register. Military spouses from our neighboring Seal Beach Weapons Station have also been invited. We look forward to a very special evening for all who attend.

I've submitted a Boat Dock fee waiver request for our club's Regattas for the remainder of 2021 and am confident that Long Beach City Council will approve our request. This should take two to three months for approval.

Parking Passes are available for all members to pick up at any of our weekly events. Joya Ryerson, Director, will be happy to make sure that you receive your 2021 parking pass.

Everyone, feel free to stop by your club house and watch the beautiful sunset. Come with your spouse or a friend, bring a beverage and/or snack if you like, and take in the best view around, especially at sunset. This is your club!

Until Next Time,

Becky Martinez, Commodore



Rear Commodore Heinz Butner

As our Commodore wrote in April, we are reviewing our new membership process to make it consistent, and clearly documented.

I would like to outline the whole process here, but I think it would take up too much space and time. Instead, will make the process available at the club or on our website. What I would like to emphasize here is the importance of the role our current members play. Our members are key in identifying quality candidates from the communities we are each a part of - Veteran and non-veteran. By acting to sponsor a candidate, our members help ensure applicants understand the scope of the club and that they are a "fit." Member sponsors can also guide the applicant smoothly through the process. The membership process will work best if current club members are willing to sponsor new members and stay engaged as their sponsor. We are currently getting a number of candidates that submit applications with no sponsor - that does not work very well. So we will be asking for volunteer sponsors for these type of applicants.

By the time of our next Board of Directors meeting in May, we hope to present 6-7 applicants for membership for Board approval. We hope that the membership meets and greets those new members at our May New Members Friday night later in the month.

As I said last month, I hope those of you who have not renewed will reconsider. There is always still time. As restrictions are eased the club is awakening. While we wait for the construction of the new patio cover to start, we are conducting events and planning more. Boaters are boating and Racers are racing again! Come back and enjoy all the activities with us!

Thanks to all of you for your time and support of your club.

Heinz Butner
Rear Commodore
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Fleet Captain Colleen Taylor



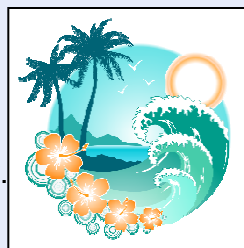
Hello Navy Yacht Club Family!!

We have arrived!! Over 2000 miles and 6 RV parks later Reg and I are in our temporary new home, or RV park, on Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois. Our land voyage was not without a few hiccups. We pulled into a not so great RV park but it was where and when we needed it to be. One of the tires on the RV had started to blow and some insulation was dragging on the road. The spare was flat but we were lucky enough to get the spare fixed at a local Wal-Mart Auto shop (nail in it). 3.3 miles from our final destination we did blow a tire but other than those two instances it was a great land cruise. We can't wait to get out on the water even if it is not the Pacific Ocean.

I'm sad to report I will miss the Military Spouses Appreciation day lunch and the Wine tasting but I will be with you all in spirit. Cheers to all who attend. We are looking forward to our first cruise to Catalina at Emerald Bay in June so please continue to RSVP.

The SCCYC and the HGYC annual cruise to Emerald Bay is on our schedule for 24-27 June the Corsair Cove Facilities has been reserved. The corsair is an additional cost separate from the mooring fee it is \$275.00 per club. We Reg and I were able to use the facilities in 2020, it was wonderful. We have Two boats so far that has RSVP'd and of course Reg and I if he can get leave to fly back (fingers crossed). If not I will need a bunk on someone's boat if possible. This sounds like a great weekend.

Stay safe and healthy.
Colleen Taylor
Fleet Captain



NYCLB

CATALINA CRUISE

Emerald Bay

June 24-27

At the Corsair Cove Yacht Facility

We will have access to:

- + Fresh Water
- + Showers
- + Restrooms
- + Picnic Area
- + Cooking Facilities

ACTIVITIES:

SNORKELING AROUND INDIAN
ROCKS, SWIMMING, KAYAKING,
ENJOY THE ISLAND &

HAPPY HOUR IN THE COVE!

For Reservations Contact:
Colleen Taylor, Fleet Captain
coolbeansct@gmail.com





Jr. Staff Commodore Rodney Coomber

Hello all you wonderful Navy Yacht Club Long Beach members.

The new style of pot luck is working out very well. Lots of positive comments and lots of members signing up via the website to participate. This has enhanced our social gatherings Friday nights as the weather begins to warm up and daylight lasts longer. Placing some of the seating by the glass wall has given us a wonderful view of the bay and the sunset. Come on out and experience it for yourselves.

We have been working towards our Opening day celebration and plan to have as festive one that we can.

Please note the calendar at the end of this edition of the Scuttlebutt. I want to let you know Joyce and I will host a wine tasting at the club on Saturday May 15. We plan on doing 7 wines. It will be a blind tasting where the bottles are covered so you don't know what is being presented. You will taste, critique, guess the varietal, the vineyard, and the year produced. No prize for the best guesser, just a lot of fun and enjoyment. I think this activity will sell out as I will be limiting attendees to 30 so get signed up early. We will also do a raffle of baskets that Joyce will make.

Rodney Coomber, Jr. Staff Commodore



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\$25

Per person

Blind

Wine Tasting

Saturday May 15

1:00-3:30

To be held on the clubhouse grass area

- * Everyone will receive 1 flight of 7 wines for tasting and scoring.
- * Every bottle will be wrapped in brown paper so no one will have foresight of the wines presented.
- * Everyone will receive their own container of cheese, crackers, grapes, nuts and water.

REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE, SPACE IS LIMITED

Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach

**223 Marina Drive
Long Beach, CA 90803**

Commodore Rebecca Martinez & Flag Officers

Cordially invite you to attend our 54th Opening Day Celebration

Date: Saturday - June 12, 2021

Registration: 1100

Ceremony: 1200

Location: 223 Marina Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803

RSVP by Wednesday June 2, 2021 Online: www.nyclub.org

Luncheon following ceremony



**Race Chairman
Tim Hohmann**



The 2021 racing season is in full swing, a welcome improvement over 2020. NYCLB member highlights so far this year include:

Seal Beach YC Saturday Sailors series: Shadowfax (Chris Mewes) won in Shorthanded class; Raptor (Heinz Butner) second place in PHRF A; Renegade (Ben Smith) second place in PHRF C; and Pacific Wolf (Dennis Tran) second place in PHRF D

Shoreline YC April Fools race: Raptor second place in PHRF A (spinnaker)

Seal Beach YC Ensenada Preview race: Raptor won PHRF A; Renegade 6th place in PHRF A

NOSA Newport to Ensenada: California Stars (Brad Hunter) 8th place in CRUZ-SPIN-A class with an elapsed time of 27 hours, 15 minutes

Raptor and Renegade are currently 5th and 6th respectively in Seal Beach YC's High Points standings

Navy Yacht Club's first race of the 2021 season will be the Armed Forces Day regatta on Saturday, May 22. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and course chart are posted on the NYCLB website (<https://nyclb.org/collections/nyclb-racing-calendar>). This race is one of eight races included in the Long Beach Harbor Series, a high-points series hosted by NYCLB as well as Shoreline Yacht Club, Little Ships Fleet YC and Seal Beach YC.



Navy Yacht Club Long Beach
ARMED FORCES DAY RACE, MAY 22, 2021
NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Rules:** This event is governed by the rules defined in the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. **Sailing Instructions & Course:** NYCLB Course Chart OF 2021 and associated Sailing Instructions will be used. These are available on the NYCLB website (nyclb.org). Amendments will be posted to the Official Notice Board and NYCLB website not later than 1800 of the day before the race.
3. **Eligibility and Entry:**
 - 3.1. This event is open to members of all SCYA Yacht Clubs with a valid PHRF certificate. The following classes are invited to participate: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and any One-Design Class of 3 or more boats. All boats shall use their Area C RLC handicaps. A boat wishing to race Non-Spinnaker shall use the non-spinnaker offset rating printed on her PHRF certificate.
 - 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form or entering online on the NYCLB website and submitting the required fee of \$15 to one of the addresses below not later than May 20, 2021.
 - 3.3. This event is part of the Long Beach Harbor High Point Series.
4. **Schedule:** One race will be sailed on May 22, 2021. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is 1155.
5. **Penalty System:**
 - 5.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
 - 5.2. A boat may take a post-race penalty as described in U.S. Sailing Prescription Appendix V2
6. **Risk Statement & Waiver of Liability:**
 - 6.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
 - 6.2. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
7. **Prizes & Social:** Trophies will be presented at NYCLB following the race. There will be a no-host bar and refreshments.
8. **Further Information:** For further information contact Race Director Tim Hohmann (714-349-6009, hohmannjt@gmail.com) or Principal Race Officer Tony Rietdyk (714-362-1626, trietdyk@socal.r.com).

NYCLB RACE ENTRY FORM
ARMED FORCES DAY RACE, MAY 22, 2021

Boat Name _____ Boat Type _____ Sail # _____
 Yacht Club: _____ Class (circle): S / NS / OD PHRF Rating _____
 Skipper's Name _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____
 Emergency Contact (not on boat) _____ Phone/Email _____

By signing this entry form the skipper acknowledges having read the Notice of Race, including the Risk Statement & Waiver of Liability contained therein, and agrees to all terms and conditions.

Skipper Signature _____ Date _____

Submit this form and entry fee of \$15.00 not later than May 20, 2021 to:

Tony Rietdyk, Principal Race Officer	or	Navy Yacht Club Long Beach, c/o Race Committee
4156 Delphi Circle		223 Marina Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649		Long Beach, CA 90830

OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST OF ANY SUNSET FOR 2021

FROM THE NAVY YACHT CLUB

STARTING IN MARCH AND FOR THE NEXT TEN MONTHS

NYCLB is hosting the first photography contest of "SUNSETS 2021". This contest would include only sunsets taken at NYCLB. There will be 1 winner and 3 honorable mentions. This competition is only for members of the Navy Yacht Club Long Beach.

One of the most magical moments in a day is the sunset. Sunset is the time when the sun goes down in the horizon creating a beautiful view that the strongest words aren't enough to describe its magic. Indeed, the phenomenon of the sun drowning in the endless sea makes a magnificent prospect with its colors going from red to orange then a mixture of warm, dreamy colors like purple and indigo. Moreover, at some special places, trees especially palms are added to this amazing painting of mother nature looking like guards protecting this piece of art. Sunset is true magic from its colors to its protective trees given to us by the heavens.

Eligibility: Participants must be a NYCLB member and can send no more than one picture per month.

Submit your picture by the 23rd so it can be added to the Scuttlebutt of that month to:

rietdyk@socal.rr.com

Prizes: One member's picture will be selected from the ten months to receive an award when the contest is over in December 2021. This member's work will become the image of the year and will be used on the Scuttlebutt front page for the year 2022.

We're ready to start this coming month, so send me some pictures by March 23rd

Thanks

Tony Rietdyk

Port Captain NYCLB

SUNSET OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL



PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHICH SUNSET YOU LIKE THE BEST.

EMAIL ME AT TRIEDYK@SOCAL.RR.COM

Navy Yacht Club Long Beach **Health & Wellbeing Communication Team**

NYCLB Joya Ryerson and Cathy Acevedo, Sunshine Lady
work together as your Health & Wellbeing Communication Team.

If you know of a club member that needs
cheering up or recently lost a loved one?

Email Joya Ryerson, team lead:
jrcavalier@verizon.net
Cathy will design & mail an
encouragement or sympathy card.

CUSTOMIZED GREETING CARDS.
You may also order
a customized greeting card.

Birthday

Encouragement

Retirement and More!



For personal customized cards Cathy
requests a \$3.00 donation to NYCLB
Email Cathy: Playdirt@hotmail.com

HEALTH & Wellbeing





NYCLB



2021 EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY



23rd & 24th – Open
house
NYCLB
Meet & Greet
2021 Officers
12:00-3:00

FEBRUARY

7th – ~~Superbowl~~
Sunday Burn your
own BBQ 
14th –
Commodore's
Brunch/Valentine



MARCH

5th –
New Style Potluck
13th –
Commodore's Brunch



APRIL

2nd-New Style Potluck

9th Little Ships Visit

23rd Pizza Night

MAY



7th – Military Spouse Appreciation
Day
9th - Club Open – Mother's Day
15th - Wine Tasting
22nd–Armed Forces Day Race



JUNE

4th – New Style Potluck
12th - Opening Day
13th - Club Open for all to Enjoy
20th – Club Open-
Father's Day
24th Cruise to Emerald Bay

JULY

3rd– Alamitos Bay
Fireworks
4th– Independence
Day



AUGUST

28th–Commodore
Margarita Party &
Quesadilla Cooking
Contest

SEPTEMBER



TBD –
Wounded Veteran's
Cruise
11th –Allhands Race



OCTOBER

16th – Navy Day
Regatta
TBD - Octoberfest
The Phoenix Club
Restaurant

NOVEMBER

11th – Veterans Day
13th - Annual
Meeting



DECEMBER

4th Whale Watching
Newport, Lunch
or Dinner at American
Legion Newport

11th - Naples Boat
Parade



May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 <i>Salty Sailor Race</i>	5 <i>Cinc o de Mayo</i>	6	7 <i>Military Spouse Appreciation</i>	8
9 <i>OpenClub Mothers Day</i>	10	11 <i>Salty Sailor Race</i>	12 <i>Board Meeting</i>	13	14 <i>New Members Night</i>	15 <i>Wine Tasting</i>
16	17	18 <i>Salty Sailor Race</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Armed Forces Day Race</i>
23	24	25 <i>Salty Sailor Race</i>	26	27	28 <i>PIZZA & BIRTHDAY NIGHT</i>	29
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>					

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Salty Sailor Race</i>	2	3	4 <i>New Style Potluck</i>	5 <i>LSFYC Murray Gordon Memorial Race</i>
6	7	8 <i>Salty Sailor Race</i>	9 <i>Board Meeting</i>	10	11 <i>Dual Club POTLUCK Little Ships</i>	12 <i>NYCLB Opening Day 12 Day</i>
13 <i>Club Open for all to Enjoy</i>	14	15 <i>Salty Sailor Race</i>	16	17	18 <i>POTLUCK Celebrate Fathers day</i>	19 <i>LSFYC Opening Day</i>
20 <i>CLUB OPEN FOR ALL TO ENJOY! LSFYC WELCOME</i>	21	22 <i>Salty Sailors Race</i>	23	24 <i>Cruise Out to Emerald Bay</i>	25 <i>Potluck Cruise Out to Emerald Bay</i>	26 <i>Cruise Out to Emerald Bay</i>
27 <i>Return from Emer-</i>	28	29 <i>Salty Sailor</i>	30			

Members enjoying the club before Sunset

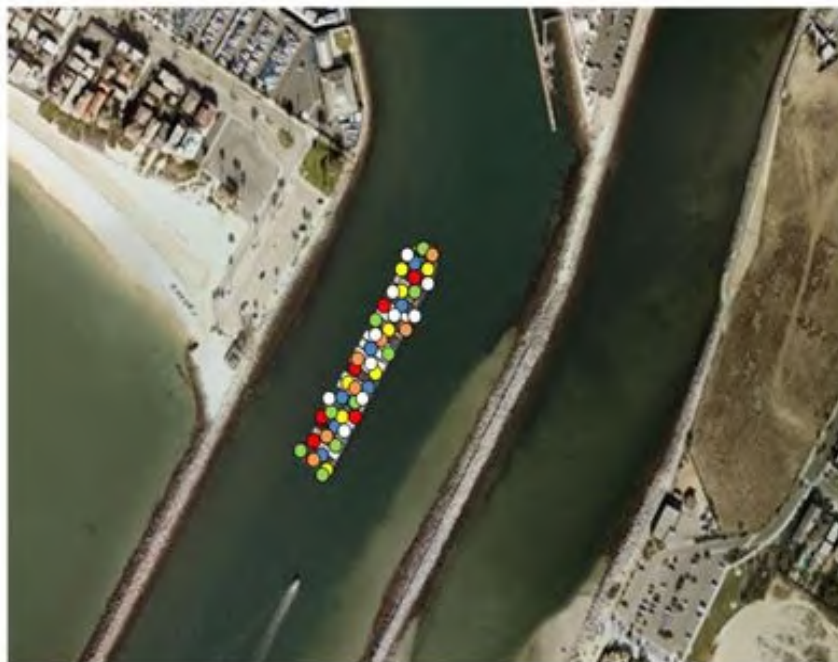


Members Tony Duarte, Ray and Betty Wilson are folding the American Flag after Retreat.



DOCKLINES

By Frank Franco



Members Corner

Frank and Lara in Antarctica...Part 2...Antarctica

By Frank Franco

The flight from Buenos Aires to **Ushuaia** (*you-schway-ah*) was a repeat of the previous flights and fortunately was trouble free...just a long time sitting without a screen to watch movies. All 80 OAT travelers were packed into the plane like clusters of grapes on the vine and anxious to experience the next and main part of the adventure.

After arrival, the plan was to spend a day and night in the town then board the ship. Ushuaia is the southern most city in the world...*fin del mundo*...end of the world. It looks like it too...very foreboding landscape with snow covered mountains and rocky coastline. Although cold and windy, it is the jump off location for tourists to catch boats to explore Tierra del Fuego, the Falklands, South Georgia Islands and Antarctic peninsula.

After unloading the bags at the hotel, we all hopped on our respective team buses to explore the surrounding area of the town. Later in the next day, the main excursion was a short nature hike thru the terrain to wind up at the sign declaring we have reached the end of the Panamerican highway. After that, like parading schoolchildren, we boarded the bus to take us to an event we had become accustomed to...a BBQ where you know what was the main entre.

All 80 travelers, seated at many long tables in the spacious dining hall, knives and forks ready in hand and salivating like Pavlov's canines, were treated to individual table top charcoal grills with fragrant sizzling pieces of beef, sausage and chicken and well as salad, drinks and dessert. It was a great meal, but soon after having stuffed myself with plenty of protein, I found myself looking around for a defibrilator. After the usual speeches and pronouncements of what was to come by the various team leaders, we all piled back on the busses back to the hotel. The rest of the day was spent exploring the town with dinner on our own.

Later in the afternoon of the next day the time came to load up the 50 lb and 17 lb bags and gear on the bus to embark on the ship *The Corinthian*, a 290 ft specially built vessel, deemed an *expedition* ship (not a cruise ship) designed to operate in arctic regions and carry 80-100 passengers. It was not an icebreaker.

With little fanfare and with all happy travelers finally sheperded aboard, the ship cast off from the dock and we were on our way to the frozen south. The ship was basically a mini cruise ship with all of the accoutrements of the big boys, but just less of them. The staterooms were adequate (with balconies), large dining room, 2 lounges, bar, a great piano player/singer to entertain us. All that was required to transport and house the 80 travelers in comfort.

Now the basic plan was to sail to the Antarctic peninsula, cruise thru and stop at the various islands to view the landscape and wildlife...especially the penguins, with 2 1/2 days to get there, 5 days there and 2 1/2 days to return back to Ushuaia. The OAT trip promotion was heavily focused on the being there part...i.e. the penguins, etc., but not so much on the getting there and back parts. Meaning that after leaving the last vestige of the South American continent, the ship had to traverse the Drake Passage in the Southern Ocean. The Southern Ocean typically has winds from the west and because there are no obstructing land masses, these winds can be very violent resulting in turbulent wave action. Consequently we all came prepared with copious amounts of Dramamine and various other seasickness remedies such as wrist bands and patches that attach to various parts of the body as well as some religious relics to be on the safe side.

The early part of the day's journey was spend cruising calmly thru the Beagle Channel sheltered in the lee of the continental tip. Awaiting us after the turn south was the notorious and fickle Drake Passage. Nicknamed the "Drake Lake" or the "Drake Shake" depending on the ferocity of the winds. So we hit the ship's bar and awaited our fates

After settling in the cabins and finally storing away the 50 lb and 17 lb bags, exploring the ship and then mingling and acquainting ourselves with some of the other travelers,

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Frank and Lara in Antarctica...Part 2 (PG 2)

the ship left the calm of the Beagle Channel and turned south into the notorious Southern Ocean.

Now there was some chop in the seas in the first few hours with some movement in the ship. However, as the day wore on, wave action increased and the ship began a moderate rock and roll. All passengers including ourselves were adequately fortified with Dramamine, but by morning of the second day, the ship was in the clutches of the Drake Passage and some folks were feeling the effects. The up and down, side to side and the corkscrewing motion were managed by most of the passengers, but some after a brave and valiant effort finally succumbed...including sister-in-law Pat and myself. Now there was a ship's doctor onboard who found himself busy running from cabin to cabin administering a miracle shot of anti-nausea stuff that kicked in immediately. After which, we were back in action and were able to enjoy the rest of the journey watching the sea birds, dolphins and whales off the cabin balconies and from the stern of the ship.

Finally approaching the Antarctic land mass, we could see the never ending vista of snow piled 100's of feet thick and the adjoining glaciers. As we got closer to shore to the first zodiac drop off, we saw a multitude of black spots clustered on the barren rocks and up onto the snow covered ridges...and they were moving...penguins!

Now the procedure for the disembarkation to the shore was the same for each and every subsequent event. Each team of travelers were notified as to a specific time and place to prepare and meet for the exit. Preparation consisted of wearing adequate clothing (including the red parkas sent to us previously) cameras and any personal gear. At the appointed time, each team member would proceed to the exit door, sign out of the ship, march down to the staging area, sit down to put on the pre-assigned rubber boots, then step into a pan of disinfectant, stand on the large swim step at the boat "marina", and finally with helping hands from the ship's crew, quickly step into the awaiting zodiac. Each zodiac carried 8-10 travelers. The rules state that only a max of 100 people allowed on one shore at one time, hence the 80 passengers on the ship. The return to ship from shore was the reverse procedure.

Once on shore, we came across the multitudes of Adele penguins. These little guys were standing, walking and hopping around with no destination in mind. The rule was that we could not get any closer than 15 feet from a bird. However, the pengys did not get that memo. They simply went wherever they went...right by us, next to us. Having no land predators, they weren't too interested in us.

We were expecting below freezing temperature but were surprised to find the temps in the 30's and low 40's...after all it was the Antarctic summer. There was some melting of snow and ice as evidenced by the streams of water draining to the sea.

The majority of the penguins were molting juveniles, their furry looking thick grey insulating coat of feathers were slowly breaking off to eventually reveal the waterproof black and white coat of the adults. Once having achieved the adult stage, they would then head out to sea. The few remaining adults were still feeding the youngsters. Penguins are pelagic birds who spend 75% of their lives at sea only to come ashore to breed. During a later off ship excursion, we came across a group of penguins who were on the verge of finally departing their birth sites but were first testing the water and joyfully swimming back and forth to get the feel of their new bodies. There was a sense of wonder to see so much life thriving in such a desolate location.

The typical daily life aboard the ship followed the same pattern. Breakfast buffet served until 9 or 10 depending on the activity scheduled for the day. Later time spent in the bar or lounge areas reading or visiting with other folks or a planned off ship excursion. Lunch served around noon with open seating in the dining room. The daily talks regarding what the day's event were and what will be happening the next day followed by dinner. Daily meals were excellent gourmet dishes followed by various desserts. There was a lot of eating to be done...maybe too much so.

During the week, there were several other stops along the way to visit but the last island to disembark at was Desolation Island, a former whaling station now long abandoned. *(cont on next page)*

Frank and Lara in Antarctica...Part 2 (PG3)

The day finally arrived to head north back to civilization meaning 2 1/2 days crossing the Drake Passage again. The previous evening's talk indicated that there was a storm from the west headed our way and that we would probably catch part of it before scooting around the corner heading back into the shelter of the continent's Beagle Channel. The ship's captain, in an attempt to comfort us, declared that the *Corinthian* was one of the more powerful ships in the fleet and he would "put the pedal to the medal" to speed up the crossing and avoid the storm. Later we discovered that it wasn't fast enough!

The ship turned due north and with fond memories and packed with thousand of photos and selfies, we all bid farewell to the beautiful yet desolate landscape of the Antarctic coastline and the towering icebergs. The seas were relatively calm thru the morning and early afternoon, however, by mid afternoon, the winds picked up and so did the wave action with 5-10 ft seas. The 290 ft ship, diligently plowing forward thru the chop, was slowly performing the Drake Shake dance.

I had thought that the crossing south was rough. By late afternoon we were in the jaws of the storm with the howling westerly winds and angry seas rolling the ship to uncomfortable angles. We secured every loose thing in the cabins. It was almost impossible to walk in the corridors, although the crew members had their sea legs and had no trouble continuing to perform their duties. At dinner time, to my surprise, the usual meal table setting was laid out despite the extreme rolling of the ship.

Although the chairs and tables were anchored down to the deck, the rolling increased such that dishes and table wear begin to slide back and forth. At one point, I could see the top of waves at the opposite porthole from where I was sitting...the portholes are 20 ft from the waterline! The ship rolled violently and all of our table's contents went sliding onto my lap! End of dinner. I grabbed what food I could and went back to the cabin. That night was certainly the most violent of the trip. Sleep for me was impossible and Lara and I locked arms to stay in the bed. The ship was groaning and pounding all through the night...very scary. Later we heard folks were thrown from their beds onto the floor. Although the ship's doctor was very busy attending to the passengers again, I felt fine, I guess my sea legs developed. Lara was completely unaffected throughout the entire trip.

The next morning and day were not as bad and we all settled into a routine of hobbling like old salts. By evening it was better, but still some movement, to have a nice dinner and enjoy the rest of the crossing. The following day we turned west to enter the shelter of the Beagle Channel where the seas were calm and begin the approach to the port of Ushuaia.

After docking back in Ushuaia and to spend the night onboard, each team of travelers was notified as to the disembarking procedures and luggage placement for unloading. Prior to this, we had jettisoned the red parkas and all unneeded cold weather gear by donating to the ship. This gave us room for souvenirs and to keep us below the 50 lb airline luggage requirement. Finally, the next morning came to say goodbye to the ship's crew and staff and leave the ship to get on the busses to the regional airport for the flight back to Buenos Aries. The flight back was an opportunity to relax and reflect on the wonderful past 3 week's adventures and realize that it really was time to get back home.

In B.A., the busses brought us back for a quick stop at the Panamerican hotel because the travelers taking the post trip to Brazil were to spend the night. We were to immediately continue on to the international airport to head to Dallas and home. At the hotel, we said our goodbyes to all we had made friends with and promised to keep in touch (never have yet). The bags were transferred to the new bus and Lara, Pat, Bev and myself left Buenos Aries.

Once again, although in premium economy, we executed the same procedure of sanitizing the area around us as we heard as to what was going on in the world. Once arriving in Dallas, we said our goodbyes to Pat and Bev who were heading back to SFO and we took off back to LAX.

This was a wonderful experience being able to share with family and new friends. A journey of this nature certainly presented us with the unexpected and the thrill of discovery.

Exhausted after the multiple flights and returning home Feb 29, 2020 from LAX, I lay down for a some needed sleep during which I had a dream that, in the dream, the world was upside down and everything that I had known in the real world was the opposite of what it should be...a Bizzaro world...a nightmare!

I finally woke up only to discover that my nightmare had become reality...

ANTARTICA photos

Some photos from the trip (PG4):



Antartica



The ship



Parka patch



Ship's marina



Zodiac to shore



Penguinos



Red parkaed folks exploring the magnificent desolation and wildlife of the Antarctic coastline.



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Sailing expedition



Remains of the whaling station on Desolation Island



Polar Bear plunge

On board map showing all of the stops along the way.



Frank & Lara



Lara sitting on a growler iceberg

PG5

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