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BESIDE THE POINT



FROM THE COMMODORE Mick Moore

Greetings fellow PLYC members: I would like to personally thank all of you who voted for your 2016 Board of Directors.

Rest assured that we will continue to work hard to ensure fun new activities, new races, and a host of new events throughout 2016.

With the small increase in dues, the club will be able to continue to support the financial stability and overall exposure of our club, including new member name badges, custom PLYC license plate frames, and PLYC attire.



We have an outstanding year planned for you starting with our 23rd Annual Opening Day held across the street from the clubhouse on Saturday April 16th at 2:00pm. Come and enjoy one of the best Opening Day Ceremonies on the West Coast.

With the passing of Bob Kearns, we have renamed our first race of 2016 from “Fleet Captains 4 Buoy Fiasco” to the “Bob Kearns Memorial 4 Buoy Fiasco.” This race will be held Saturday May 14th and is open to all yacht clubs and sailors.

Our Crew of Two Race on Saturday July 23rd will once again go back around the Coronado Islands, and along with our Charity Bay Race and Jimmy Rogers Memorial Race, we will be introducing a new race this year in conjunction with IOBG. This race will allow all Yacht Club Board Members and Staff Commodores to race for donations to charity.

These activities will be advertised in the coming months as well as our Final Friday Happy Hours via weekly email blasts, aimed at keeping you well informed of all things happening at PLYC.

I’m honored to be your 2016 Commodore and will do my best to ensure an EPIC year of fun for all.

Mick Moore
Commodore
Point Loma Yacht Club



FROM THE REAR COMMODORE James Coulson

PLYC, get ready for a spectacular lineup of spring events! Read on to see just what's in store, but first, I would like to thank the 2015 PLYC Board of Directors for an outstanding 2015.

Opening Day this year is on Saturday, April 16th 2016. Registration and refreshments will start at 1:00pm. The ceremony will commence at 2:00pm, followed by our catered lunch by Casa de Mexico. If you have any questions or concerns about PLYC's 2016 Opening Day, please do not hesitate to contact us directly info@pointlomayachtclub.org. you won't want to miss this amazing party.

Of course the fun doesn't stop there. On May 14th 2016, we have our annual Fleet Captain's Race, which we have renamed in honor of Bob Kearns.

Yachtsman can choose to go around the marks in any order! It's best to know your rules of racing in this event which are listed on our website.

Please visit our race pages online for the Instructions and more information. With record setting member signups in 2014 and 2015, there are many new faces with boating interests at PLYC. We hope you will join some of our new members and make some new friends.

Saturday May 28th, through Monday May 30th, our annual Memorial Day Raft-Up kicks off in La Playa Cove, so join us! If you plan to go out, we encourage you to visit the Harbor Police's website ASAP to secure a permit. Check availability and make a reservation ahead of time. When you get to the site, you will be asked to furnish your CF or Documentation number, your vessel type (power or sail), and paint type.

The paint type refers to your bottom paint, as the Harbor Police are gathering data on this information. If you have any questions, or are having trouble reserving in La Playa, please contact your Cruising Fleet Chairman, Sean Simms smsims@twc.com.

We are extremely excited to announce many new activities this year from IOBG and their "Race Your Board" for Charity Race to the Classic Coronado Crew of Two coming this summer.

These and a host of new activities will make 2016 the most exciting year yet, and we hope you will take the time to come and enjoy the summer with us.

Life is short... Live it to the MAX...

We truly look forward to seeing everyone at the above social events, and on the bay during our annual races.

James Coulson
Rear Commodore
Point Loma Yacht Club

**SECRETARY
JANET DICKINSON**



Janet Dickinson is PLYC's Secretary and one of our newest members of the board. She is the "Magic" behind all those wonderful PLYC Happy Hours we all have come to love.

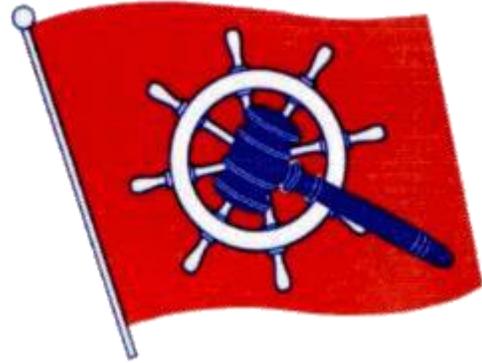
Janet enjoys spending time with friends and family. She has two young children Shane and Shannon. They love going to PLYC Sunday BBQ's and swimming in the pool.

Janet's time is spent watching her children play baseball, soccer, and gymnastics. She gets a brief escape from parenting by sailboat racing on Mick Moore's boat "Masquerade."

Janet runs a successful property management business where she oversees renovations, maintenance, and landscaping. She is a "hands on" type of person getting her hands dirty with pulling weeds, tree trimming, painting, and any home repairs that she can tackle.

She is currently restoring a sail boat that she plans to have ready for the summer PLYC raft ups. She enjoys so many gifts that life offers and is thankful for all her new friends at Point Loma Yacht Club.

**2016 RACING
IOBG RACE YOUR B.O.D.**



1st Annual IOBG
International Order of the Blue Gavel
"Race Your BOD"
Board of Directors Race

Welcome to the 1st annual I.O.B.G Board of Directors Race and Charity Raffle on Saturday, September 24th 2016

This race is open to all yacht clubs with staff commodores and current board members and their teams and PHRF.

Following the noon race, all racers and friends are encouraged to attend this first annual event for a charity raffle, prizes, food and beverages. All funds raised on behalf of this Charity event will go directly to "Elder Care of San Diego".

Classes: Bridge Class - Minimum of Two (2)
current bridge members + Crew

Staff Commodore Class - Minimum of One (1)
Staff Commodore at Helm + Crew

PHRF - "A" - Spinnaker: Must be a Minimum
of Three (3) Boats

"B" – Non-Spinnaker

**If minimum of Three (3) Spin Boats are not entered in the "A" Class, All PHRF classes will be Non-Spinnaker.*

RACERS CORNER

Choosing the right Spinnaker



Spinnakers fall into three broad categories; Racing Asymmetric, Racing Symmetric, and Cruising. In each of those there are different options depending on the intended conditions, both wind speed and wind angle, which you want to use the sail in.

Let's start with a basic understanding of how spinnakers are designated, what the "codes" mean. Even number sails are running sails, designed for use when you are trying to sail as deep as possible or when the course dictates sailing at an apparent wind angle greater than 90 degrees. Odd number sails are reaching sails, generally designed to be used with apparent wind angles of 90 degrees or less. The higher the number, the more wind they are made for. The exception to this is the Code 0 which is designed for extremely tight reaching and will be made with the minimum mid-girth allowed to still be a legal spinnaker. These numbers are used for both asymmetric spinnakers and symmetric spinnakers. A medium air sail designed to be used downwind would be either a Code 2A or a Code 2S.

In light air, generally under 7 or 8 knots most boats achieve their best VMG by sailing quite "hot" so that the apparent wind is forward of 90 degrees. The higher apparent wind angle produces higher apparent wind speed and the boat will gain enough speed to more than -

make up the difference in the extra distance sailed. This is the area that an asymmetric Code 1A can provide big benefits. You cannot achieve the same result with a symmetric spinnaker because that sail by definition has as much curve in the leech as it does in the luff which prevents it from being a very good reaching sail. The asymmetric Code 1A on the other hand is asymmetric in shape and has a rounder luff while maintain much straighter and flatter sections in the leech for better reaching.

The Code 2 sails are made to be used with the apparent wind generally between 90 degrees and as deep as your boat can sail efficiently and in 7 knots of wind to 20 knot of true wind. This would be considered your "All Purpose" spinnaker. Whether you choose an A2 or a S2 will depend on how you boat is rigged and what you are rated for. Next in line is a Code 4; this is a full size sail very similar in shape the Code 2 but made of stronger material and designed to be used with the wind aft of 90 degrees when it is blowing over 18 knots. If you sail offshore, or in very windy areas you may also carry a code 6 which is a smaller and fuller sail designed to be used when there is too much wind to carry the full size code 4.

While the Code 1 is designed for light air vmg sailing it is also the sail of choice any time you are sailing a course that requires you sail on a reach with the apparent wind less than 90 degrees and when it is light enough to sail with a full size sail. As the wind builds and the Code 1 is over powering the next sail you would use is the Code 3. This again is a reaching sail but is flatter and smaller than the 1A. It is the reaching sail that is generally used with the wind between 11 and 18 knots. In more wind you would use a code 5 which is even smaller. The specialty Code 0 spinnaker is an asymmetric that has a mid-girth as small as the rules allow, for most cases this is a mid-girth which cannot be less than 75% of the foot. It is designed to be flown with the apparent wind between 40 and 60 degrees when the wind is light enough to not over power the boat. In 20 knots of wind you probably can't carry a Code 0 much tighter than 90 apparent.

PLYC MEMORIAL SPOTLIGHT – Bob Kearns



Early this year Point Loma Yacht Club lost Robert “Bob” Lee Kearns, who was a fixture at the club. Bob was one of those exceptional human beings who was peaceful, calm, kind and a loyal friend. He served in every position at Point Loma YC including commodore. His main goal was to ensure members enjoyed each and every visit to the club, including the traditional Sunday Barbecues. He was truly the PLYC Ambassador, if not in name, certainly in spirit.

Born in Utah in 1948, Kearns landed in San Diego 27 years ago enjoying one of his passions: surfing. It didn’t take long before the sailing bug bit and he stuck around and found sailing suited his love of the outdoors even more than surfing. He purchased a boat, which he continued to live on until his death, and once stated he never had a desire to wander far from the ocean. He was small and wiry and became a fearless bowman, once jibing in pitch darkness in the middle of the ocean during a race around the Coronado’s.

He was very active in local racing, Mexican racing and took a third place finish along with his crew during Key West Race week. Most recently he served as Navigator on the photo boat determining the best spots to get the pictures he knew his friends would love.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Jan 29	Woody’s Whale Watching Cruise
Jan 30	Happy Hour - TBA
Feb 26	Happy Hour - TBA
Mar 25	Happy Hour - TBA
Apr 16	PLYC Opening Day
Apr 29	Happy Hour - TBA
May 14	Bob Kearns Memorial Race
May 28	Memorial Day Raft Up
May 27	Happy Hour - TBA
Jun 24	Happy Hour - TBA
Jul 4-6	July 4 th Raft Up & Lubbers Party
Jul 23	Crew of 2 Ocean Race
Jul 29	Happy Hour - TBA
Aug 13	Big Boat Race Charity Bay Race
Aug 26	Happy Hour - TBA
Sep 03	Labor Day Raft Up
Sept 24	IOBG Race Your BOD
Sep 30	Happy Hour – TBA
Oct 09	Jimmy Rogers Memorial Race
Oct 28	Happy Hour – TBA
Nov 19	Commodores Ball
Dec 18	Xmas Party, Intro 2016 Officers
Dec 18	Parade of Lights and General Membership Meeting

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Commodore:	Mick Moore
Vice Commodore:	Sean Sims
Rear Commodore:	James Coulson
Treasurer:	Shelly Parks
Secretary:	Janet Dickinson
Director:	Mark Wyatt
Director:	Kristan Kelsch
Director:	Steven Blanden
Port Captain:	Robby Hickethier
Jr Staff Commodore:	Joe Ravitch



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