OASIS SAILING CLUB
NEWPORT BEACH CA

TIDES AND CURRENTS

September 2022 Newsletter

OSC Annual Picnic, Games and Live Music

COMMODORE'S CORNER

The summer sailing season is fast coming to a close and fall and winter aren't far behind. But that doesn't mean sailing is done for the year. The days are shorter and sunset sails might have to wait until the spring, but there is lots to look forward to. Winds are usually better, there is less traffic in the harbor, and we still have races through October. Race practices will continue each month, as well as Sailing 101's for the less experienced members. Harbor lights cruises are great for the evening sails in December. And don't forget our fun social activities that are coming up. Check the website events calendar for more information, Upcoming Events – Oasis Sailing Club. You can also see the dates for sailing sign-ups through the end of the year. Look them up and mark your calendar.

NOW, LET'S GO SAILING, STAN

OSC TRAINING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Please welcome our new Training Chairman, Skipper **Chris Hill**. You can contact him at OSCTraining@oasissailingclub.org or (562) 900-7969. Chris will be responsible for coordinating our Mate & Skipper Candidate programs and our Mate and Skipper re-certifications. Feel free to contact him if you are interested in those programs. Information is available on the website under the Training tab.

We also welcome Skipper **Marc Branson** as our Safety Chairman. Marc can be reached at pinchthewind@gmail.com or (714) 305-2125. If you have suggestions for Marc, please let him know. From a safety perspective, we hope you have a Person Flotation Devise (PFD) and are using it on the boat. This is particularly important if you are not a strong swimmer. We have Coast Guard Approved PFDs on board each of our boats and we encourage you to use them if you do not have one of your own.

OSC ANNUAL PICNIC

Commodore **Stan Espenship** welcomed 90+ attendees to the 2022 picnic at Corona Del Mar State Beach last Friday, September 16th. It was a picture-perfect day to be enjoying the outdoors. First on the agenda was ensuring everyone ate well. A special thanks to our Master Grillers led by **Michele Phillips**. The team served up burgers, brats, hot dogs, and toasted buns grilled over hot charcoal. Side dishes included German potato salad and warm sauerkraut, fresh fruit salad, chips, and chocolate chip cookies. It was a real feast.

Jim Sanders, our DJ returned this year with an unbeatable playlist of song favorites. Joining Jim in providing entertainment were our surprise guests: **Kat Stephens** and **Rob Reid**. Our very own Skipper siblings provided live music playing attendee favorites and with a backdrop of waves crashing in the distance – it truly was magical. Check out a short video showcasing their talents, click here.

Game Winners:

- Corn Hole Winners: **Thomas** and **Barbara Taylor**. 1st place prize: a beautiful wine gift basket donated by Hi-Time Liquor. Thank you Will.
- Corn Hole Runners Up: **Maxine Moriaski** and **Nancy Mackey** - $25 gift certificate for OSC merchandise
- Golf Winner for a second year in a row: **Will Hanson** - $25 gift certificate for OSC merchandise

Many thanks to picnic leads **Laura DeSoto, Sharon Teague** and a supporting cast of thousands: **Michele, Greg, Will, Mimi, Blanche, Kathy, Bruce, Maxine, Nancy, Will, Bill, George, John, Vic, Linda, Dorothy, Win, Rob, Tom, Marc, Larry, Danielle, Lynn, Charlie, Diane, Jim, Pat, and Julie!** For more picnic photos of the event, click here.

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Be on the lookout for Blue Whales

BLUE WHALE SIGHTING

Sunday Sept 11th, Skipper **Larry Torres**, Mate **Bill Griffith** and their crew spotted dozens of dolphins in the area of the boat. A few minutes later they heard the distinct loud sounds of a whale breathing. Then they saw the whale. It was huge! Neither Larry nor Bill had any idea it was a blue whale; but they suspected it because of its' massive size. Oasis V followed it for about 45 minutes, it dived twice, then it was gone. It was very impressive. Check out the video here.

BOATING SAFETY TIP FROM SAFETY CHAIR, MARC BRANSON

Wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD):
PFDs are at the core of safe boating. The U.S. Coast Guard reports 81% of boating deaths in 2021 were due to drowning, and 83% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket. Even good swimmers need life jackets because people fall off a boat, they may be disoriented, injured or unconscious. Life jackets can keep victims' heads above water so they can breathe and can be rescued more easily.

CLUB PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to our newest Skipper: **Will Hanson**. Will was presented with his Certificate at the August Member Meeting. Also, **Julie Reynolds** formally received her Mate Certificate and key at the OSC Picnic. Congratulations Julie!

SAILING JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why was the sailboat feeling better? It was heeling!

ON THE WATER

Next Races: September 24th – BCYC around the Oil Islands Race. Both OSC boats will be competing and BCYC Wild Sailing Regatta #2: October 15th. Good luck! ALYC Sail for the Visually Impaired: October 8th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard: Cathleen Adams, Maggie Cassuto, Robert Cassuto, Judy Myton, Rita Tanos, and ***Larry Tieman.*** New members can learn more about our club by visiting our website. Also, be sure to pick up your custom OSC Name Badge on board Oasis V and free OSC logo'd hat. Contact **Dorothy Ables** at oscmembership@oasissailingclub.org or (949) 400-6177.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/28/22 All Member Meeting at OASIS Senior Center 1:30 – 3:00pm

10/7/22 and 10/8/22 9:00 – 2:00pm Friends of Oasis Boutique and Rummage Sale: Fri, Oct 7 ($3 admission fee) and Sat, Oct 8th (no admission fee). Donations welcomed, Collection Days: Mon Sept 26-Wed Oct 5th. Volunteers needed, contact (949) 718-1800.

10/26/22 Halloween Costume Contest at the All Member Meeting at the OASIS Senior Center 1:30 – 3:00pm. Then join us for a no host Happy Hour at El Cholo Mexican Restaurant following the meeting.

12/14/22 OSC Holiday Party at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Corona Del Mar 5:30 -8:30pm