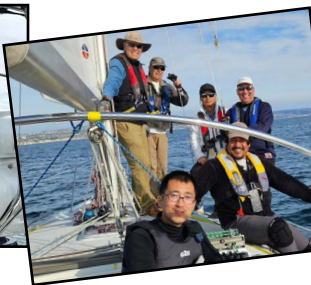




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Sailboat Racing is a Bit Like Life, Give it Full Speed at the Start Line and Strive for Clear Air

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Sailors are a tenacious lot, some more so than others. The ocean makes up about 71% of the Earth's surface, and it is the biggest ecosystem of the planet, holding 99% of all habitable space in the world. While much of the surface of our oceans have been explored with the likes of Magellan, Drake, Scott and others, there are still many adventures to be had.

I am currently following Cole Brauer on Instagram, a 29-year-old woman (the only one in the race) from Long Island, who is competing in the Inaugural Global Solo Challenge 2023. It's a non-stop 26,000 NM race around the 3 great capes of Africa, South America, and Australia. It starts in the A Coruna, Spain, South to the Cape of Good, East to Tasmania, Cape Horn and back to A Coruna. The race started last September with starting days based on the handicap of the boats. First one to the finish wins. 16 boats started the race and 10 are still active. As of this writing, Ronnie Simpson in Shipyard Brewing de-masted February 11, 600 miles from anywhere, and was rescued by a Taiwanese freighter with only minutes of daylight to spare and only hours from 50kt winds and 20-foot seas.

Cole, sailing First Light, is currently in 2nd place and projected to arrive March 5th, 128 days later. Check it out on www.Globalsolochallenge.com and follow the sailors on Instagram. Find out their positioning and go to Predictwind.com to see what the weather patterns are ahead of them. Cole is now sailing in 14kts of ESE wind making 9.0 kts at 17 deg True. It's a fun exercise to keep track of their progress. Give it a try. They'll be racing for the next few months.

Here's to a great 2024!

NOW LET'S GO SAILING, STAN

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MATES



Francisco Felix



Andy McVay

ON THE WATER

The American Legion Yacht Club Southern California Midwinter Regatta was held Saturday February 17th and Skippers **Marc Branson** and **Annette Parsons** led two enthusiastic racing teams. It was a beautiful February winter day with nice winds and calm seas. In a class of 4 boats, Oasis VI won the first race by a sizeable 8.42 minutes and just missed first place in a second race by 23 seconds. Great racing by the entire Oasis VI crew: **Marc Branson, Gerrit LeGrand, Francisco Felix, Jesus Morales, David Chong, and Fan Wang.**

An Oasis V Women's Team also enjoyed the Regatta: **Annette Parsons, Kat Stephens, Kathy Panzl, Laura DeSoto, Kristi Jacobs, and Leslie Beard.** Race participants were treated to an informative and cozy awards ceremony at the American Legion Yacht Club where we heard the history on the 94 year old Regatta. OSC participants were in fine company with over 500 sailors participating across 25 races up and down the California and Mexico coast. The OSC Racing Trophy will be passed back to **Marc Branson** at the next OSC Member Meeting – don't miss it.



[FRANCISCO FELIX RACE VIDEO](#)

[ALYC RACE CHAIR VIDEO](#)

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STAFF COMMODORE JIM STONE REMEMBERED

OSC's 4th Commodore and Skipper Emeritus, **Jim Stone** will be remembered at a service on March 23rd at 11:00am at First United Methodist Church of Orange (161 S. Orange St, Orange, CA). OSC members and prior members are invited to attend. Jim certainly lived a very full life graduating from the University of California Berkley, working in the Naval Shipyard, on to US Naval Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island, and then was deployed on a Guided Missile Cruiser.

After retiring from the military, Jim moved into private industry spending many years as an engineer and manager at Interstate Electronics in Anaheim. He and his wife Patricia lived in the Netherlands for a while as part of Jim's work. Jim has two sons and a daughter living in the Southern California area. Jim also embraced his hobbies: an avid skier for over 50 years, a wine aficionado ensuring OSC Events always had great wine, and of course his love of sailing. Prior to becoming the OSC Commodore, Jim was Secretary-Treasurer where he was the first to automate. Thank you Jim for all your contributions to the club and for the many friendships and good memories.

APPAREL CORNER

It's Happy Member Appreciation Month. Come to the February 28th Member Meeting for our 2024 specials, new styles, and new colors. Always something new on the latest line sheet, [Look here](#). Happy sailing, **Nancy LeGrand**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 9th: Next race is the BYC 66 Series #1 (contact Skipper **Don Gordon** or **Charlie Polce**)
- Racing Lite practices: Saturday, February 24th, Wednesday, March 6th and Sunday, March 24th.
- Gennaker Training for Racing Lite: Wednesday, March 13th.



BOATING SAFETY TIP FROM SAFETY CHAIR, MARC BRANSON

Bring Extra Clothes: It's often a lot colder out on the water (or in the water where these days it does not get over 60 degrees) than it is on land, so warm clothes and many layers will help you from getting too cold. It's also good to bring waterproof clothing in case of inclement weather.

SAILING JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: How long did the sailor wait?

A: Until the bitter end. For those who don't know, a nautical bitter end is the end of a rope or chain that fastens to the ship, so you don't lose your anchor.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Welcome aboard: Mary Ellen Guignon, John Hawes, Gary Reed, and Denise Schuler. Looking forward to meeting you out on the water. New members can learn more about our club by visiting our website at www.oasissailingclub.org. Also, be sure to pick up your OSC Name Badge and free OSC logo hat. Contact **Dorothy Ables** for membership questions or referrals at oscmembership@oasissailingclub.org or (949) 400-6177.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH EVENT

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| 2/28/24 | ALL MEMBER FEBRUARY MEETING: 1:30 – 3:00pm
OASIS Senior Center |
| 3/15/24 | OSC ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: 5:00 – 7:00pm
Harp Inn, 130 E. 17th St, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 (located between Santa Monica Seafood & Newport Blvd). Cover charge \$5 per person & receive 3 raffle tickets. No-host beverages and full menu offered. Wear your Irish best and be entertained by the live Irish band. |
| 4/19/24 | OSC OPENING DAY AND OPEN HOUSE: 10:30 – 2:30pm
Balboa Yacht Basin. Guests are welcome. 10:30am Registration, 11:00am Ceremony, 12:00 noon Dock Party. All members, previous members, and guests are welcome. Music, free food, and lots of fun. Invite your friends! |