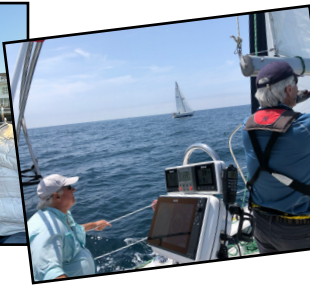




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# Wishing Skipper Rob Reid Fair Winds and Following Seas

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

Safety at sea is one of our main priorities and as a club we have developed 9 safety videos to keep you informed. They are on our website and include some practical things to know about our safety equipment and how to keep yourself safe when sailing. They include the safety equipment we have on board **Video #1 & 2**; The Use Of Pfd's And The Emergency Tiller **Video #3**; Safe Practices On Board **Video #4**; The Use Of The Lifesling (that's that white bag hanging on the stern pulpit) and throwable PFD (located in the forward berth) **Video #5**; Using The Chartplotter And Vhf Radio For Emergencies **Video #6**; Safe Line Handling **Video #7**; How To Use The Aed With Cpr **Video #8**; and our latest, Fire Safety On Board **Video #9**. They are all on our website under the training tab/safety videos. You can use this link, [Safety Videos – Oasis Sailing Club](#)

If you are new to the club or haven't looked at them recently, now is a good time to get reacquainted with them. The summer sailing season is fast approaching so let's get out on the water and make sure to stay safe!

## NOW LET'S GO SAILING, STAN



**SKIPPER ROB REID HEADED TO THE CENTRAL COAST**  
Beloved Skipper for OSC as well as Sailing Fascination, Skipper for visually impaired sails, past Membership Chair, picnic grill master, musician, surfer, and all-around great friend to so many, **Rob Reid** is leaving his Newport Beach roots, again. Rob will be joining his daughter

and son-in-law, to spend quality time enjoying and raising his two granddaughters. He will be living in the town of Atascadero in San Luis Obispo County. Maybe he will be back again once they grow up. OSC will be waiting.

Rob grew up sailing on Newport Harbor, part of the time living with his grandparents, only a few hundred feet up the channel from our dock. When he came back to Newport Beach in 2011, Rob immediately joined the club and fell in love with sailing. Rising quickly from member to Mate to Skipper, Rob said he sailed 20 of the first 28 days his first month as a Mate candidate, so eager was he to get behind the helm. From recreational sailing, to Racing Lite, to sunset sails, to mentoring Mate Candidates, Rob was eager to be out on the water to enjoy the serenity we all find when sailing. Most of our members know Rob because he sailed so frequently, often 10+ times a month. Known for his adventurous spirit and as a seasoned and very skilled sailor, several Skippers shared their most memorable (often harrowing) moments sailing with Rob. Never flustered, and always comfortable at sea, they all admitted their confidence in Rob even under challenging circumstances.

Known for his laid back, even-keeled, fun-loving nature, Rob was joined last Wednesday at the General Member Meeting with the showing of a 6-minute movie, highlighting his many sails over the years. After the meeting, over 50 Sailing Club Friends met at El Cholo for a Farewell Celebration. Rob has left an indelible mark on the club and so many of the members and will be greatly missed. You are welcomed back for a sail anytime Rob. Click below to see Rob's farewell video.

[ROB REID FAREWELL VIDEO](#)



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### ON THE WATER

The BYC 66 Series #1 Race was held March 9th. Since Oasis V was out of commission, the OSC Racing Award goes to Oasis VI Skippered by **Charlie Polce** (should we rename this win as the last man standing award?). Oasis VI came in 2nd place in the PHRF C Division ahead of the 3rd place finisher by more than 35 minutes (corrected time).

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Racing Lite practices:

- Match race: Wednesday April 10th
- Race practice: Sunday, April 21st
- Gennaker training: Wednesday, April 17th

### ST PATRICKS DAY – IRISH KISSES AND SHAMROCK WISHES

A BIG Thank you to all who attended the St Patty's Day event this year! We had over 60 members and guests join in the fun and festivities at The Harp Inn on Friday, March 15th. Our one-man-band sang Irish classics as we ate and drank throughout the evening. We had three raffle winners plus one 'green themed' costume extraordinaire. Two of our lucky raffle winners were Skippers, **Chris Hill**, and **Annette Parsons** both winning a well-deserved bottle of Baileys. **Harela Paglia** won the bag of Green See's Candy and our very own Leprechaun, **Jayne Price**, dressed in everything green, won best costume.

**Mary Schultz**, our Social Chair, made an Irish Toast to Happiness: "May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door."

 [ST PATRICKS DAY PHOTOS](#)

### APPAREL CORNER

Member Appreciation Month Continues! The Apparel Corner is Ready for Spring with Sun Protective Hats & New Colors. Always something new on the latest line sheet, [Look here](#). Happy sailing, **Nancy LeGrand**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MATE, MARK GROSS

### WHALE WATCHING TIPS FROM MEMBER JOYCE KECHIAN

- Look for gray whales headed north from mid-February to May.
- It is estimated during this time that 20,000 gray whales swim thousands of miles from their southern nursery lagoons to the cold food-dense hunting grounds of the arctic.

### WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

**Welcome aboard: Bruce Baird, Matthey Humphrey, Jeff Josephson, Catharina Lee, and Bob Wilson.** 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](http://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](mailto:oscmembership@oasissailingclub.org) or (949) 400-6177.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONTH EVENT

- 4/19/24 OSC OPENING DAY AND OPEN HOUSE: 10:30 – 2:30pm**  
Balboa Yacht Basin. 10:30am Registration, 11:00am Ceremony, 12:00pm Dock Party. All members, previous members, and guests are welcome. Music, free food, and lots of fun. RSVP to [Newport633@gmail.com](mailto:Newport633@gmail.com)
- 4/24/24 ALL MEMBER APRIL MEETING: 1:30 – 3:00pm**  
OASIS Senior Center
- 5/2/24 OSC CINCO DE MAYO HAPPY HOUR: 4:00 – 6:00pm**  
El Cholo Mexican Restaurant. Join us in our reserved area of the bar and for no-host appetizers and margaritas, beer, and sodas. Guests are welcome.