

# The Nevada Yacht Club

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## Special Points of Interest:

- General Meeting 7/20 @ 7ish  
**Water Safety Building**
- Hot August Nights – See Insert
- Board Meeting 8/9 @ 6:30pm
- LMSC Hard Aground Campout  
8/4 Mt. Charleston
- General Meeting 8/17 @ 7ish
- Fall Series #1 9/8 – Patio @ 9am
- Board Meeting 9/13 @ 6:30

## Commodore's Corner:

Greeting fellow sailors. Happy summer! Are you enjoying the blow-dryer wind and the scalding, relentless heat rising off the desert floor, roadways, buildings and car seats? I'm sure you're enjoying this as much as I am. Hurry October.

At least many of you have returned from or anticipating a relaxing vacation to some far off and hopefully milder climate destination. You'll have the memories and the photos to help you endure the remaining summer blitz.

As club business goes the reimbursement funds from Clark County Boating Facilities/Safety Cmte. will be arriving in the mail shortly, having survived a cursory audit. Our total reimbursement will be approximately \$4200.00. The awarded allocation for FY 2007/2008, which includes funds for slip fees for Grillville, totaling \$8780.00 was approved by the County Commission. As a second reminder, anyone considering running for a board or standing committee position should let their intentions be known and communicated to Johnny D so he can begin to devise a slate of officers for next year.

Our thoughts and prayers are with John McDowell and the family of Nancy Cox. Nancy fought a valiant battle against cancer. Those of us that considered her a friend and fierce competitor will miss her. The next time I race in the Boulder Basin in howling winds will remind me of the boat with the red stripe that always challenged me and my crew to be the best sailors we could be or risk getting our butts severely kicked by Nancy's boat. There never was any quit in her.

Welcome to our newest members, James and Diana Peveler of Cedar City, UT.

*Joedy Sisler*

## This Issue's Joke!

Thoughts from the editor!



## General Meeting July Meeting

7/20 at 7 ish

## August Meeting

8/17 @ 7 ish

## Who's Who:

**Commodore:** Joedy Sisler; **Vice Commodore:** John Connolly; **Fleet Captain:** David Hoch; **Cruising Captain:** John Haydukovich; **Treasurer:** Angelo Gurreri; **Secretary:** John Crawford; **New Membership:** Shay Sisler; **Newsletter:** Joyce Smith/Barbie Holt; **Staff Commodore:** John D'Acunto

## Vice Commodores Corner:

The temps are in the teens, (that's 100 and teens) the evening breezes are blowing, and the lake is going down. Sounds like summer in Las Vegas. We've had some windy and not so windy beer can races on Wednesday nights, there have been 4 - 8 boats out on the nights I've been out and everyone was having a great time. Tell your friends meet on the dock by 6: O'clock and you'll be sailing and making new friends the first night. At our June NYC general meeting we had a presentation by the Hawaiian Paddlers, this is an energetic and enthusiastic group. They are seeking membership in NYC and we are hoping to be able to accommodate them and build our club with a larger and more diverse base. I volunteered the Vice Commodore as point person to meet with the Paddlers, to plan an event with all participating, look for something in the fall when the weather cools down. These paddlers are an aggressive race oriented group with strong family ties that span the Pacific, so look forward to exciting things from our Hawaiian Brudda's and Sistahs. Montyne and I are leaving for a 6 day sail out of San Diego tomorrow, with ports in Dana Pt. Newport Harbor, Avalon and San Diego. Wishing you all safe sailing, and wonderful summer.

*John Connolly*

Vice Commodore

# Welcome

**James  
&  
Diana Develer**

**Catalina 30°  
"Kahlua"**

# New Members

## Hot August Nights!



**Wednesday Nights  
Meet on the Patio at  
6:15pm**

## BEER CAN RACE



**WHERE ELSE CAN YOU  
DRINK YOUR ENTRY  
FEE?**

**SAT. 8/14 @ 5:00 PM**

## Report from the CFO of the NYC

As of June 19th 2007  
I have opened a CD for \$10,168.45  
for 8 mounts @ 5% APY matures 2/19/08

As of 6/28/07  
Our checking has \$5,050.27

Total assets \$15,218.72

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## Fleet Captain's Corner:

Now that summer is in full swing, our Wednesday racing has become popular. I was only able to get out once so far but I'm told we're having lots of boats each Wednesday evening.

I hope many of you were able to watch the America's Cup race and the Louis Vuitton semifinals too. The Cup race was fantastic and set many new records in terms of lead changes between Team NZ and *Alinghi*. The finish of the final race surely got you going when NZ nearly caught *Alinghi* even after she did a penalty turn at the finish line!

Since there isn't much report on from the Committee Boat, I thought I'd share the high points of our recent race in California. Yvonne and I trailered our Hunter 260, *Abundance* to the Cabrillo public ramp in San Pedro on Friday, June 29th. From there we sailed her to Marina del Rey to participate in the 40th annual "Survive the Night" race from Marina del Rey to San Diego. It's organized and managed by two clubs, the Santa Monica Windjammer's Yacht Club (SMWYC - Marina del Rey) and the Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC - Shelter Island, San Diego) and it's the fourth time I've done the race. I thought we had a good chance to win a trophy this time. One of the sponsors is Pusser's Rum so the awards can be quite nice. My cousin John had come out from Sarasota, FL to crew with us which helped to reduce the sleep deprivation that comes from 'round the clock sailing. George Johnson had lent us his symmetrical spinnaker for our run to Ensenada after the race so I was looking forward to that as well but the wind gods would not agree as it turned out.

We raced in the non-spinnaker cruising fleet which allows motoring during those interminable calms throughout the night in Southern California. We started at 1120 hrs. on Saturday with Yvonne at the helm. We had fairly good winds all day with some calms around Point Fermin and the Palos Verde buoy. Once the sun went down, we were becalmed and started the motor around 2300 hrs. We ran the motor for the three hours then added another 2 1/2 hours, saving half an hour for contingencies.

Alas, around 1500 hrs. on Sunday, we were becalmed again with 15 miles and 7 hours of racing to go until the deadline at 2200 hrs. I took a vote and the crew opted for retiring so we could get to the barbeque and showers! We met some old acquaintances and had a great meal, then got to bed early so we could attend the awards ceremony on Monday morning.

After the awards, we motored around San Diego harbor on Monday then got to bed early for an 0300 hrs. departure for Ensenada. There was no wind for most of the trip and when it did come up to 5-7 knots it was on the bow of the boat. We arrived in Ensenada at about 1500 hrs. about 12 hours later, and learned that if you don't stay in Mexico more than 48 hours you don't have to clear in through customs. We stayed

until 2100 hrs. the second night then left Ensenada for San Diego. We had some great food, saw *La Bufadora* (The Blowhole) and bought some neat things there.

The trip back to San Diego was 13 hours and we cleared into US customs easily at the Police dock inside Shelter Island. We then went over to Anthony's restaurant dock in the downtown area and had a well-deserved seafood lunch. We saw a replica of the *HMS Surprise* - from the movie *Master and Commander* - there along with all the other boats on display. From there we went to Glorietta Bay but chose not to anchor for the night since we had to get to Dana Point the next day. We opted to motor on to Mission Bay where we anchored in Mariner's Basin for the night. It's always a treat to watch the fireworks that Sea World presents every night at 2200 hrs. when anchored on Mission Bay.

The next morning (Friday) we motored to Dana Point where we were able to get a reciprocal slip at the Dana Point Yacht Club. The folks there were hospitable and gave us a slip right in front of the office. The showers were fabulous and welcome at that point! We walked up the hill to the *Chart House* restaurant and had a memorable dinner of outstanding quality overlooking the harbor that evening.

In the morning, we left for San Pedro and the wind came up to 20+ knots as we approached Long Beach - guess what - on the nose. I decided to relieve the crew of the bumpy ride on the outside so we turned off to starboard and entered the harbor behind the breakwater at the entrance east of the one nearest San Pedro. This course gave us quite a view of commercial vessels at anchor as we tacked amongst them in flat water headed for San Pedro. We saw a potential accident as a tug with a barge left the breakwater for the ocean. The 1,000 foot long cable was in the water and boats coming into the breakwater could only see the tug as she rounded one end. The barge was still behind the breakwater and there was a sailboat and a power boat coming in from sea. From their positions, it looked safe to duck the tug and enter the harbor. But just at the last moment, the barge came into view and both held their positions with about 200 yards to spare. Whew!! At night this could have been deadly if either vessel had not been aware of lights on the tug indicating a tow and held short.

Once back at the Cabrillo ramp we said farewell to my cousin whose friend had come to take him to LAX for his flight home. We put *Abundance* back on her trailer and drove home. So ended our quick nine-day sojourn on the Pacific and first trip to a foreign country in *Abundance*.

Come on out for Wet Wednesdays in July and Hot August nights next month! We'll be racing with Grillville again in September for the first of the Fall series on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

*David Hoch*

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### ADVENTURE BECKONS: Racing the Wind and Waves

#### "Women sailors test their wits on Lake Mead"

By SONYA PADGETT  
REVIEW-JOURNAL

The tension builds on board the Windermere as Kim Lighthart, sailboat captain, zigs and zags toward the finish line for the second race of the day.

The late afternoon sun is unmerciful out on the open water but the wind is high, a Lake Mead sailor's dream. Lighthart looks up at the sails -- pregnant with the wind -- then scans the horizon for her competition.

"We will be the first to cross the line," she announces to her crew of two, Michelle Gober and Alix Reed.

"Do we need to bring it over?" Reed asks, referring to the main sail.



The sailboat is about 30 seconds away from the finish of the second heat of the Nevada Yacht Club's Women's Regatta at Lake Mead on a recent Saturday. The Windermere is one of five sailboats, all manned by women, bearing down on the finish line buoy and a crack at bragging rights once all four individual races are finished. A few motorboats anchored nearby hold some of the male members of the yacht club who are there to watch and later learn to stay off the radio, at least while the women race.

"I think we're good. What do you think? What does everybody think?" Lighthart answers and they all agree to stay the course. "We are so lovely right now, ladies."

To prove her point, the horn sounds as the Windermere crosses the finish and the women cheer with delight. Suddenly, the baritone voices of male sailboat watchers crackle over the radio, hinting at what they would do approaching the finish line. Four sailboats have yet to cross and any of them might benefit from the seemingly casual talk. But men are banned during the women's regattas; help from them results in a penalty against the women receiving it. "Why don't you guys get off the radio?" a female voice barks back at them, silencing their chatter.



The club, which has been around since the 1960s, hosts an event at least once a month, says the club's fleet captain and race officer, David Hoch. A women's regatta takes place four times a year. After each race, a plaque or trophy is awarded. Members get together every Wednesday and Saturday for unofficial races, too.

The club boasts about 60 members from all walks of life: Realtors, retirees, bankers, government employees, health workers. But water is a great equalizer: Though they come from different backgrounds, they're all alike when they're tacking a sail or working a winch.

"It's purely for fun. We just love to sail and love to race," Hoch says.

Most people join the club to become better sailors, he adds, and in order to do that, one must race.

About six years ago, member Joyce Smith started the women's regattas to give the female sailors a chance to sharpen their skills independently of the guys. Each boat can be crewed only by women, although some husbands and significant others try to help out via the radio.

"That's the hard thing about women's racing. We start a race and a bunch of guys on this little boat start yelling, 'Sheet in, sheet in!' They start on the cell phones and the radio. We have to turn the radio off," Smith says.

Apparently that is but one of the differences between the sexes when it comes to sailing.



"Women sail by consensus, men by chain of command," Lighthart explains as she points the boat toward the start line and the third race.

They must pick up enough wind speed to get them to the right place at the right time. A slight misjudgment and they could be too late or start the race before it starts, never a good thing, Lighthart adds.

A crew member for four years, Lighthart started captaining her own boat a year ago. Today, she's sailing a friend's boat because it's faster than her own. She races every chance she gets. Lighthart got hooked on sailing a few years ago when she invited herself on a friend's vacation; they chartered a boat and sailed to Catalina Island.

"I ended up loving sailing. It's peaceful. Very, very peaceful," she says amid a frenzy of flying rope, popping sails and scurrying crew. They're minutes into the third race, losing speed and position because of a knot in the main sail line. Gober works frantically to undo it but before she can finish,

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Lighthart warns: "We've got to tack or I'm going to hit Bombardier." Tacking refers to switching the main sail from left to right, or vice versa. The sailboat was fast approaching starboard side and impact seemed imminent until Lighthart decided to "dip" them, turning the wheel sharply and averting disaster. Dipping another boat steals a bit of their wind, slowing them down. The move helped put Windermere in better position. "Now, let's go chase them down." Yes, sailing is peaceful.



# Congratulations

Karen & Paul Paquett  
42' Valiant  
"Midnight Snack"



## Classifieds

It is up to the person placing the ad to notify the editor each month for continued listing. Failure to notify the editor will result in your ad not being listed. To place an ad please contact Joyce Smith at [winsorknot@cox.net](mailto:winsorknot@cox.net) for details.

**(1992) Catalina Capri 26' "Jolly Mon" \$23,500**  
Diesel, tiller, roller furler, water heater, bimini, step through transom, fully battened main sail, spinnaker, VHF, AM/FM/CD player, slipped at LM Marina.....278-4229

**(1986) Hunter 23' \$6,300**  
Sails include: main sail, 130% genoa, 4 HP Nissan OB, slide-in galley with sink and stove, wing keel, trailer w/ new tires, brakes, barings, lights.....278-4229

**(1982) Capri 30' "Dreamscapes" \$6,000**  
Slipped at LM Marina, needs TLC!.....278-4229

**(1971) Seafarer 31' "Glory" \$12,500**  
North Sails: main, and 150% head sail, Harken: roller furling, sails are in Excellent condition, marine head, VHF, cockpit cushions, inflatable dinghy, '87 diesel, wheel. Call.....278-4229

**(1978) McGregor 25' \$3,300**  
Trailer, clear title, OB, good condition, cushions suck! Call.....278-4229

**(1992) Sabot (dinghy) \$650**  
Fiberglass rudder, fiberglass centerboard, excellent sail. Call.....278-4229



*Although we travel so far, we still can not leave our friends behind. At the end of our voyage we met up with Gavin and Paula (Bolero), David and Jill (My Star), and David and Yvonne (Abundance). Good to see that there are good friends everywhere!*



## *Cruising Captain's Report*

Summer Sailing So Far ...

We've had some great functions in June.

We had a fleet of boats show up for the PARADE OF BOATS in the 2007 SUMMER SAILSTICE PAGAN SAILING WEEKEND June 23 and 24. Part of the festivities was to generate a homemade flag to show the personality of captain and boat to all. There were some fantastic flags made and Flag awards for the weekend were:

1st Place B Natural - B Natural made a wonderful golden / green embroidered flag of Celtic Design

2nd Place Bolero - Bolero made a tremendous SAILSTICE design with a Sail boat in the middle and the rays of the sun emanating from the center on a blue background which was quite stunning.

3rd Place AU-en - AU-en produced a smaller flag with the P 40 War hawk Design

These flags were something to see and perhaps our all our flag makers can attend the next meeting and show off their flags.

With Flags flying off out backstays we proceeded to do a full on synchronized sailing parade of boats. It was a sight to see! We all lined up and started at A buoy and tacked up the Boulder Beach in unison on a timed signal for each tack.

We did about 12 tacks along the shore and ended up in a single file tacking line - tacking right off the Personal Water Craft Beach. We came at the PWC like an Armada of gunships ready for battle. This scene is still evoking sweet imaginings of the upcoming "Battle of Trafalgar" water fights in July. I think we scared some Personal Water Craft drivers.

I commented at the time that it was the first time in the history of Lake Mead where Keel boats were bearing down on Personal Watercraft. I can tell you

we made several look up and take notice! Perhaps in the future they will learn to respect the bigger craft.

Then the parade took a downwind run from the PWC beach all the way to A buoy to return to the harbor lead by David and Yvonne Hoch. At that time some ventured off to Quiet Cove - which was our 5th and final destination change deviating from the long arduous journey we would have taken to Cathedral Cove in 109 degree heat and heavy winds. It turns out that the weather while hot was quite dry and quite pleasant at the Lake Level - when it got too hot - swimming the cool lake was exhilarating.

It was a fantastic time in Quiet Cove and we returned Sunday having a thoroughly enjoyable (and wicked) time.

Our next great event was the BLUE MOON SAIL AROUND with HOBIE FLEET 51. What a great group of people they are - truly our sailing brethren. Clay (the Commodore of Fleet 51) did a great job of BBQ we had Brats Hot dogs Salads and plenty to drink at the party. As the night wore on and the moon rose over the tops of Black Canyon rocks Clay formed racing teams of all the NYC skippers and paired them with the owners of each Hobie in the race as crew members. The Nevada Yacht club skippers were helmsmen for the boats. A course was set from the PWC beach to the middle point of the islands due east. It was amazing that the Hobie owners let us sail their craft right up to a low water mark round it and come back without a moments hesitation. I'm sure it was a little nerve wracking for them as each boat was a specimen of tuning and speed. As I was rocketing across the water - I kept saying "why go 6 knots when you can go 12?" There really is something to that HOBIE lifestyle.

Thanks to Clay and all the Hobie Fleet 51 members for being so gracious and showing us such a good time. It was a memorable event!

July brings us a Pool Party with the Lake Mead Sailing Club on July 14th and the FIRST ANNUAL reenactment of the Battle of Trafalgar water fight on July 28th at 6:00 p.m. - If you need your topsides washed this is the event for you.

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We will abandon right of way rules and all manner of civility to fight to the death if need be. (there is only one right of way rule to be observed - you are not allowed to collide with any other water craft ) Water cannons, Water Balloons, Water Guns of any and all sizes are encouraged. We will be trying to take out the Captain of each boat with a thorough soaking and take over his helm. Final Battle plans and sides will be worked out on the Patio of the Lake Mead Marina at 6:00 p.m. Battle starts at 7:00 p.m. **DON'T MISS THIS EVENT! DON'T CHICKEN OUT EITHER!**

Check our Cruising schedule for August events of High and Hard Aground camping Aug 10 - 12 on Mt Charleston and a Grain Moon Sail Around on August 29.

September 1 - 3 Labor day brings a 3 day sail away with the LMSC  
September 12 - another water battle "I have not yet begun to fight"  
John Paul Jones Water fight

Anyone want to cruise Croatia in 2008? I have some DVD's of the ports of call and the culture and people if any are interested in them.  
Anyone want to organize a cruise in the fall/ winter of 2007?  
Please contact me and let me know.

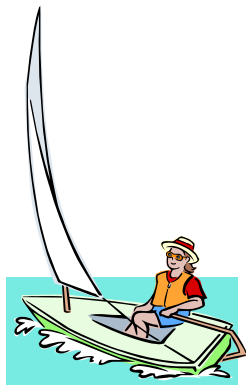
Your Cruising Captain,  
John Haydukovich

**Get Ready, Get Set.....Here We Go!**

## Sail Training

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Start thinking  
about what you  
could share!**



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#### Dog's Aboard

Regardless of whether your dog was bred for the water or simply loves boating, you should take steps to prepare your boat and canine pal for a day on the water. Life jackets are a must for dogs who are not strong swimmers or are venturing with you offshore or at night. A variety of sizes are available from several manufacturers. Harnesses that do not restrict swimming movement are ideal for keeping dogs aboard

and boarding ramps and ladders can help them back aboard after a refreshing swim. There are even doggy "heads," patches of artificial grass that you can keep aboard. For more tips on taking your dog with you on your next boat ride or to chat with other BoatU.S. members about their experiences with pets onboard, check out BoatUS.com/pets. And for the latest in product information, check out Pawsaboard.com or Puggearcorporation.com. ■

— By Michael Vatalaro

### Moonlight Sail to Celebrate Nancy's Life



Bring your favorite pictures of Nancy to share. Meet at the PWC beach July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Then, join us on a hike to the top of Boulder Island to set a memorial, so that she can watch us race for days to come.

#### NANCY COX



Nancy Borsenik Cox, 49, of Las Vegas, passed away Friday, July 6, 2007. She was in real estate sales. Nancy was born June 16, 1958, in Lansing, Mich., and

had resided in Nevada for 32 years. She graduated from Clark High School and UNLV. She was a member of Lake Mead Sailing Club, and her goal was to some day sail around the world. She often wrote poems about her life. Nancy is survived by her parents, Frank D. and Ann M. Borsenik of Las Vegas; her sisters, Deborah Garvin (Noel), and Mary Phillips, both of Las Vegas; brother, Donald Borsenik of Denver; nieces, Melissa Phillips of Utah, Amy Lee (Mike) of Ely, and Jennifer Phillips of Grand Junction, Colo.; and nephew, Anthony Phillips of Las Vegas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, at St. Viator Catholic Church, 2461 E. Flamingo Road. Burial will follow at Davis Memorial Park. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Battle of Trafalgar Water Fight

\*\*\*Date Changed\*\*\*

Date will be scheduled for sometime in August, stay tuned for updates!

### THANK YOU, JOEDY & SHAY



Thanks goes out to Joedy and Shay for the new purchase of a color printer. Now, not only will you be able to view your newsletter online in color, but delivered to your front doorstep as well!

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*Summer Fun!*



*Debbie and Barbie*



*South Lake Tahoe, Keys*



*What is it that two presidents can talk about?*



*Who started the water fight?*

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*I think we need a moment!*



*I love that hat!!!!*

## Letter from South Korea

By: Randy Holt

Hello from Korea! I hope this letter finds all of you enjoying the crazy heat on the lake. Just wanted to check in and say hello to everyone and to let you all know I am still alive. Oh how I miss our boat so much even though I've heard we are down two sails due to them lovingly being ripped apart. Never fear though **SWINGIN DIXIE** will be good as new in no time.

As far as being in Korea goes, I wish I had good news but I really can't find anything good to say except I can get our Dark Side shirts made fairly cheap and I can get a beer for a dollar on base. It is extremely humid here, the mosquitoes are everywhere and there are spiders now, which count in the thousands. If it wasn't for that deep inside (I'm talking **REALLY** deep) feeling of self pride that comes from serving our country I may have punched out a while back and would be resting on my laurels while sanding the bottom of one of your boats.

I am in the works though of trying desperately to find somewhere to sail here. I might even take David Hochs' advice of building myself a little sailing dinghy and try my hand at a little woodworking. I miss sailing so badly even the guys at work now know every part of a sailboat and some have never even been around one. It sometimes looks like a kindergarten classroom when I pull out the old Americas Cup sailboat centerfolds and am trying to force down the throats of my co-workers what the different parts of a sailboat are. My boss has bloody knuckles now from the ruler I carry but he sure as hell knows how to trim a sail. Next month is standing outside in the middle of monsoon season in nothing but shorts and combat boots while drinking a Morgan and coke just to get used to sailing in rainy weather. All I am missing now is Barbie yelling at them "The damn boat can't point that high".

All in all I am making it, I am trying to make the best of a bad situation. I miss all you guys and can't wait to get back home and get back to the good times and the unusual alcoholic antics we endure while playing with our expensive hobbies. Sail smooth, live free and toss back a few tasty beverages for me,

Randy

**P.S. Long Live the Dark Side!!!!!!!!!!**

\*\*\* Attention:\*\*\*

Our website is in desperate need of pictures, please send all pictures over to Fred DeSousa at [mstmihula@cox.net](mailto:mstmihula@cox.net).

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