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**NAPLES ISLAND ANNUAL
HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE**

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017

Pot Luck Dinner starts at 5 PM

Parade:

- Large boats start at 6:00 PM
- Small boats start at 6:30 PM

Members: \$5 with dish to share
Non-Members: \$10 with dish to share
\$5 more per person w/out dish to share

(Dish to share must feed about 8 people)
As of now, we have hit our capacity.
There is a waiting list, if we have any cancellations.

- A - H: Desserts
- I - Q: Appies/Salads
- R - Z: Main Dish

Winner of 50/50 Raffle will be announced!



Commodore



Tommy Wheeler



Well Ladies and Gentlemen this is my final Scuttlebutt article as your Commodore. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you this year; our 50th year. It has been action packed from the beginning, and will continue to be right up to the last day. This holiday season has already brought new and exciting changes to the club. We have just had our first, at least the first I've been a part of, Christmas tree decorating party. What a very nice turn out. You guys did a wonderful job making the club house look festive. And don't forget that the Naples Island Holiday Boat Parade is coming up and we will be announcing the winner of the 50/50 raffle. You don't have to be present to win. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure the long dock for our own use. The city has other plans for the unforeseeable future.

Last month, we had our Annual General Membership meeting at the Navy Golf Course and it was one of the best events we've had this year. The food was excellent, the service outstanding and the company couldn't have been better. Sherrill, thank you for making the arrangements and Joyce, once again, the center pieces were beautiful. The 2018 Bridge and Board of Directors were announced. I'd like to thank the Nominating Committee for all the hard work put into seeing that this election process was performed with as little confusion as possible. Steps are already being taken to smooth out the rough spots. And from what I've seen so far, you, the membership, picked a fine group to represent you this year. From what I've already seen, they are ready to run. Committees are already being formed, action plans being developed, and progress being made. Way to go guys. I'll do all I can to support you next year.

I am constantly getting comments about how much the group is changing and growing. About how good the club looks and the amount of work that the new members are stepping up to do. It hasn't always been that way it! It just goes to show how much energy can be harnessed when a lot of people do a few small things collective.

Thank you once again for allowing me to be your Commodore this year. I must give credit to my entire support staff and most of all my lovely wife. Sylvia, I couldn't have done it without your help.

Very Respectfully,
Tommy Wheeler
CWO3 USN ret



Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet



November 4, 2017







Vice Commodore



Dale West



Hello All!

Fall upon us, finally a little chill in the air. I hope everyone enjoyed family and friends over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

I'd like to congratulate the new Flag Officers and Board. With the passion and energy they possess, I am sure next year will be a great one!

Tommy Wheeler, thanks for charting an outstanding course for the club during your tenure!

See you around the club!

Dale West
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore



Becky Martinez



Hello Memembership,

Here we are at the end of 2017, and I must say what a great year it has been!

The club grew in numbers and participation during 2017. We welcomed 23 new members this year, many of whom stepped up almost immediately to participate in club activities and run for offices. We honored our new members at our first New Member Appreciation night in November with an appetizer contest. Ten of our 23 new members participated with their tasty contributions. Our appetizer contest winners were:

- 1st place – Jan & Mark Allen
- 2nd place – Cindy Ramirez
- 3rd place – Jill & Moti Coran

As the year draws to a close, I want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege serving as your Rear Commodore, and I look forward to serving as your Commodore next year. Thank you for your support and confidence in me. I especially want to thank Commodore Tommy Wheeler, under whose leadership it has been a privilege to serve. He has been a role model and mentor whose leadership and diplomacy fostered growth and creativity in the club as well as personally for the officers.

This year's accomplishments include the formation of a VERY active **Membership Committee** that:

- Created a new member application review procedure
- Developed a formal welcome package for new members
- Updated the membership application
- Hosted over 10 potlucks
- Welcomed 23 new members
- Produced our new Member Directory
- Sold \$1,500 in advertising to off-set printing costs of the directory
- Planned and hosted our first New Member Appreciation night
- Established the 2nd Potluck Friday of the month as "Meet our New Members" night

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So many thanks to our Membership Committee members, without whom none of this would have been accomplished:

Marge Howard
Polly Mullen
Janet Satterfield
Sylvia Wheeler
Hap Wood

And a very special thank you to Sylvia Wheeler for developing and editing all 12 issues of the Scuttlebutt newsletter and for making and mailing new Membership Cards for all of our 178 members!

Thank you to all of our 2017 new members for stepping up to volunteer from day one of your membership and to our continuing members for your support and participation.

I'm truly looking forward to 2018!

Becky Martinez
Rear Commodore



NEW MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT

NOV. 10, 2017





NEW MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT



Jr. Staff Commodore



Roy Queen



Season Greetings Friends,

First of all, I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season. How ever you celebrate this time of year, I hope you enjoy it surrounded by your family and friends.

I know I will be.

This is my last article for the Scuttlebutt. My time as a Flag Officer is coming to an end. It has been my sincere honor and privilege to serve as a Flag Officer for the Club. I will always be grateful for everyone who helped and supported me over the past four years. I'm very proud to be a member of our club. We have so many volunteers who are willing to role up their sleeves and help out in any way possible.

I wish the new Board for 2018 a successful year. Have fun and be open to new ideas that will continue to bring improvements to our club.

Thank You.

Jr. Staff Commodore

Roy C. Queen



Race Committee Chair



Chris Mewes



The fall weather is outstanding for sailing in the Long Beach Harbor. The Thanksgiving weekend found sunny skies and fair winds at the Club. You just have to love sailing in Southern California!

With two races in the books and one more race to go in the SLBYC Sunday Sailors Series, five of our Club racers are battling for podium positions: In PHRF B, Chris Mewes and his crew on Shadowfax are tied in fourth place with Heinz Butner and his crew on Raptor. John Setchell and his crew, on Windfall, are tied for ninth place. In PHRF C, Ben Smith and his crew on Renegade are in fourth place. And, in PHRF D, Paul Turang and his crew on Dawn Patrol are in third place.

A special thanks goes out to all of the racers who represent **Our Club** throughout 2017. Thanks guys; you and your crews made us proud.

Tuesday Sailing continues all year long. The afternoon sails are delightful, come out for a sail with us when you have time. The Tuesday group has not failed at retirement! The results follow:

10/31 race, 2 boats on course #40, 7.6 miles, wind range 9.0 to 16.0 knots; in first place Macs followed by Green Dragon.

11/7 race, 5 boats on course #47, 6.0 miles, wind range 6.0 to 16.0 knots; in first place Dos Amigos/Rosinante, followed by Nui Koa, Shadowfax and MACS.

11/14 race, 4 boats on course #10, 7.2 miles, wind range 6.0 to 13.0 knots; in first place with his brand new carbon racing headsail Green Dragon, followed by Shadowfax/Mad Meg (photo finish) and Windhaven.

11/21 race, 4 boats on course #47, 6.0 miles, wind range 2.8 to 12.5 knots; in first place, doing a horizon job on the fleet, Windhaven GOOD JOB Ross, followed by Shadowfax, Nui Koa and Rosinante.

See you on the water,
Chris





Fleet Captain



Hello All,

It's that time of the season where cruising winds down till spring. Thanks for a great year. Let's make next season even more adventuresome. Till then, everyone stay safe and enjoy the upcoming holiday season

Thanks!



NYCLB CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING!





NOV. 24, 2017





Member's Corner

Frank and Lara Franco in Italy...

We usually vacation in Europe during Spring and Fall and this year was no different.

The destination this September was a return trip to Italy...the countryside of Umbria and then a revisit to the amazing Venice.

After blasting off from LAX, connecting in Amsterdam (thru EU customs) then on to Florence where we picked up the rental car and spent the night. The next day's task was the 2 hour drive to the timeshare exchange outside of the hill top town of Assisi. Armed with my trusty GPS (a mandatory item while driving in Europe), we meandered our way through the well marked 2 lane highways and winding picturesque country roads. The weather was perfect with some cloudiness.

Just about all cars on the road are subcompact...diesel fueled of course. However, this does not mean that they are slow moving. It was not unusual for me while driving in the fast lane at 60+ mph to be flashed from behind by a speeder wanting to pass, then surprised, after pulling over to the slow lane, to see a little Fiat 500 rocketing by at 75+ mph. However, the roads (at certain locations) are strictly controlled via electronic speed monitoring stations that will record license plates resulting in any subsequent fines. Fortunately, the GPS sensed these locations and emitted a warning sound.

The countryside of Tuscany and Umbria is home of many 12th century hill top towns (the wine soaked villages of Italy's heartland) including Siena, Volterra, San Gimignano, Montecino, Montepulciano, Cortona, Orvieto, Assisi and many more. With a Rick Steves guidebook in hand it was our aim to visit as many as possible during our 6 day stay in the area.

Arriving at the timeshare apartment about 1:00 left us time to scout out the area for possible restaurants and markets. There was a restaurant up

the road that contained a bar and mini-mart for supplies and necessities. The food turned out to be superb and this was also to be a popular spot for the local residents as well.

With the week's itinerary planned and all of the desired towns to visited loaded into the GPS, the next morning with full stomachs and happy hearts we drove off down the road to the first town on the list...Gubbio where ruins of a Roman amphitheatre and further excavation of Roman habitation is ongoing. The typical layout of these hill top towns include the ancient walls surrounding the city, Roman era ruins, several art filled and ornate churches and at least one spectacular basilica (duomo), many busy piazzas (plazas), open air markets, narrow streets, charming/colorful cottages and homes of the current residents...and of course many tourists with the requisite souvenir stands and restaurants to feed them.

The daily drives were most enjoyable as the pastoral scenery was spectacular...vineyards and olive groves, red tiled roofed farmhouses and lush vegetation basking under the Umbrian sun. If not heaven on earth, then pretty darn close.

We spent the next days exploring the remainder of the hilltop towns on our list...each the same yet different in character with different winding ascending roads to get to them.

We had spent much time in each of the towns to visit/admire the Catholic churches and duomos, not so much for religious purposes, but for the beauty of the art within, the vastly detailed complexity of the architecture and decoration, and the history. It was mind boggling to realize that each of these 12/13th century structures were centers of worship (in each of the towns!) while America was still in the stone age!

Much is said about Italian food...keeping in mind that in Italy, Italian food is just *food*. In our daily travels, we ate when we could munching on prosciutto and cheese sandwiches or the old standby...pizza. But in the (con't next page)



Frank and Lara in Italy (cont)

we ate in restaurants dining on pasta with a variety of seafood, salads, beer and wine. Delicious stuff! We would also have happy hour in the apartment with drink and snacks purchased from the market.

Language was not a problem as many Italians spoke English and we attempted to speak some Italian as a courtesy. Each day was proceeded with a hearty *buongiorno* and ended with a *grazie* as thanks for the help.

Of the many hilltop towns visited, there were a few that were special ...Bevagna with all of the elements of a hilltop town except the hill! The most visited is Assisi, famous for its hometown boy, **St Francis**, who made very good. About the year 1200, this simple friar countered the decadence of the Church government and society in general with a powerful message of non-materialism, peace and a "slow down and smell the roses" lifestyle. His message and teachings resulted in a huge monastic order (the Franciscans) which was ultimately embraced by the Church. Much of Christian art created after his death depicts the impact of St Francis. His tomb is in the massive Basilica di San Francisco at the end of Assisi.

The day finally arrived when it was time to move on from Umbria. After heading back to Florence to drop off the car, we hopped into a taxi to the Florence train station for the 1:00 pm 2 hour rail ride to Venice. Train travel in Europe is extensive and easy to engage in. Just about any city can be reached by train. The trains are frequent, fast and comfortable to ride in.

The train station in Venice is at the western end of the islands. With bags in hand we hailed a taxi boat to take us to the hotel. The sleek taxi boats rapidly zip through the canals hauling tourists back and forth from their lodgings to the train station or airport. Once out of the canals and into the open water, it's open up the throttles to quickly drop off passengers and get to the next fare. This is can be a thrilling introduction for visitors new to Venice.

Being a collection of small islands connected by hundreds of bridges, there are no cars. Travel is only by boat...or walking. However, there are

taxi boats, gondolas and the *vaporettos*...water busses. These boats run daily throughout the canals and lagoon on a regular schedule hauling passengers from one stop to another. A great way to see one end of Venice to another just by getting on and off or just staying on as the boats run their circuits.

Although this being our second visit to Venice, we were able to spend more time to see much, much more of the sights...The Rialto Bridge, San Marco piazza and the duomo, many churches and basilicas, the Arsenale, Murano/Burano/San Michelle islands, cruise by the Lido, the Venician Naval museum, the Peggy Guggenheim museum, drinks at the Venice Yacht Club and much more.

Venice in the evening is charming and we walked thru the paths and bridges feeling the quiet and flavor of the local. Also at that time the tourists had departed for the day. Venice is only a few hours away from neighboring countries so day trippers take the opportunity to visit. Boat loads of local tourists as well as the giant cruise ships unload hordes of visitors resulting in much congestion and long lines.

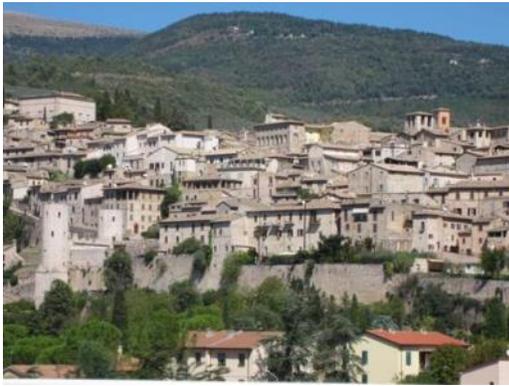
The 2 weeks seemed to fly by quickly and it was back to the water taxi to the airport then back to the US of A. This piece is just a short version of the trip There is much more to recount about he visit but no more room here.

Italy is a wonderful place, beauty is everywhere you look.



Lara at the Venice Yacht Club





One of many hilltop towns



2 lane hiways throughtout



Magnificent basilicas



Vineyards and olive groves



Taxi boats pick up fares



Many types of boats on The Grand Canal



Gondolas navigate the canals & bridges



Pizza Pizza!



Dec 2017



4 Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pot-Luck - Burn Your Own - Share a dish	2
3	4	5 Salty Sailors' Race	6	7	8 Pot-Luck - New Members Presentation	9 Naples' Boat Parade
10	11	12 Salty Sailors' Race	13 Board Mtg.	14	15 Pot-Luck Prospective Members	16
17	18	19 Salty Sailors' Race	20	21	22 Pot-Luck	23
24 / 31 New Year's Eve	25 	26 Salty Sailors' Race	27	28	29 Pot-Luck Birthdays	30

Jan 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Salty Sailors' Race	3	4	5 Pot-Luck Burn Your Own - Share a dish	6
7	8	9 Salty Sailors' Race	10 Board Mtg.	11	12 Pot-Luck - New Members Presentation	13
14 Commodore's Brunch	15 	16 Salty Sailors' Race	17	18	19 Pot-Luck - Prospective Members	20
21	22	23 Salty Sailors' Race	24	25	26 Pot-Luck Birthdays	27
28	29	30 Salty Sailors' Race	31			



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Dates to Remember

- Dec 9 - Naples' Boat Parade
 - Dec 25 - Christmas
 - Dec 31 - New Year's Eve
- Jan 14 - Commodore's Brunch



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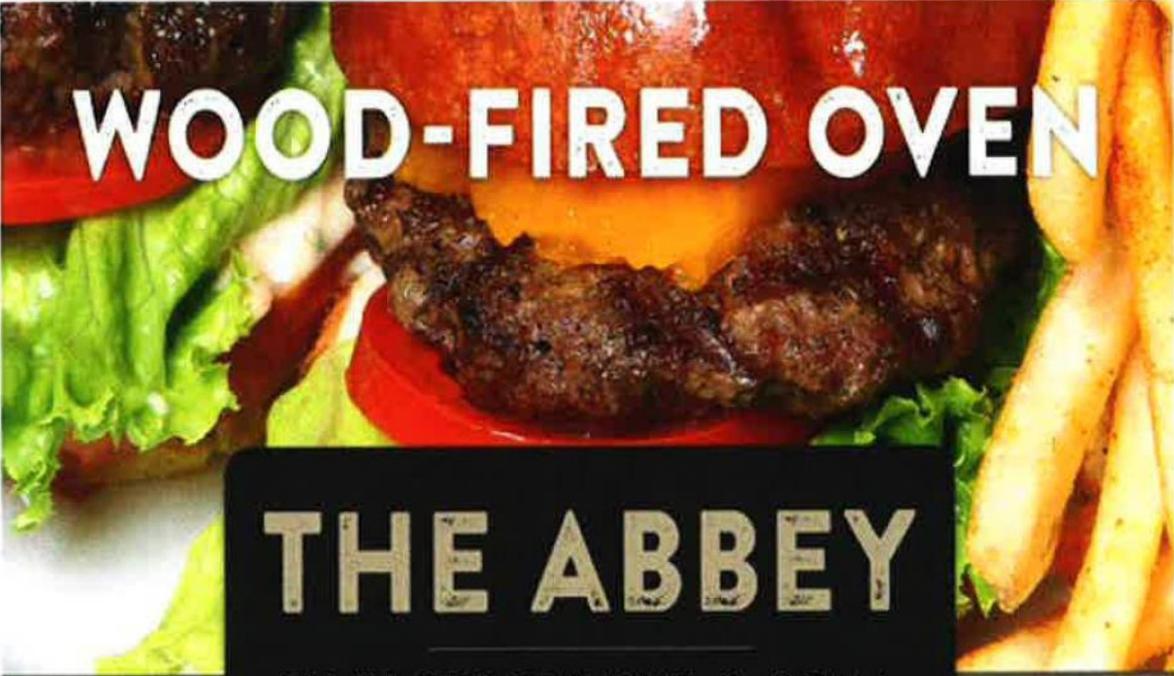


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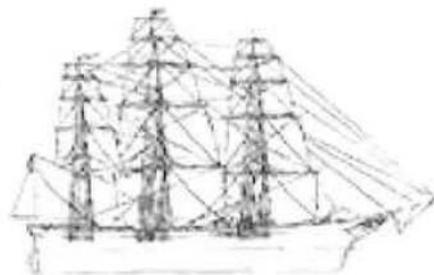




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