

SAILORS' VALENTINES: A ROMANTIC TALE, BUT A SEA SHANTY

The old story goes that, alone at sea, sailors collected tiny shells and made keepsakes for their loved ones on shore.

A sailor's valentine is made from hundreds of neatly placed shells and other materials, glued inside a wooden box. The designs are unique to that artist, but many featured geometric patterns often swirling around a central image or message, such as "forget me not."

It's a romantic tale, but it's not true. It's a sea shanty.*

The truth is, sailors didn't make their own sailor's valentines. They bought them at port in Barbados and brought them back to loved ones all the same.

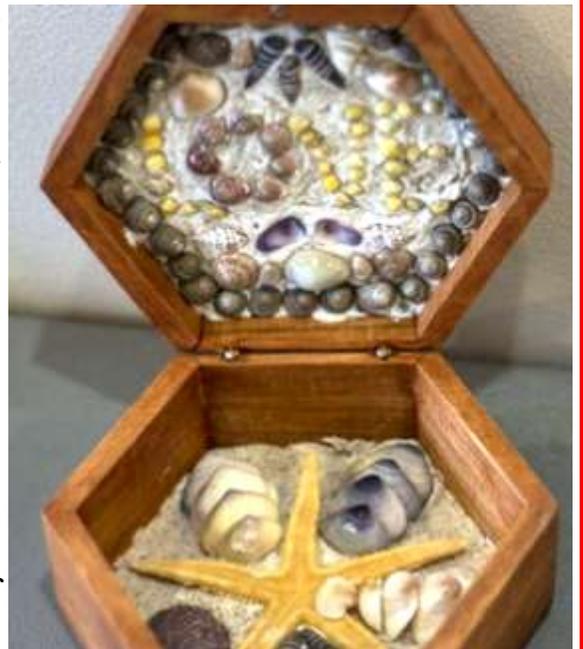
Sailors who had traveled around the world, most of the time they would end their trips in Barbados and they would pick up something for their sweetheart, take it home to their family, somebody they cared about. Sailors would buy the valentines at curiosity shops in Barbados. Sailors would get to port, have a drink and become more likely to purchase the valentines.

Though popular in the 18th and 19th century, sailor's valentines fell off with the whaling industry, and the art form disappeared for a while. It made a resurgence in the 1930s. People started making it all over the world. It's something you make and give to somebody that you care about

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SAMPLE OF A SAILOR'S VALENTINE

*A good reference for sea shanties, including music and lyrics, may be found at www.artofmanliness.com: The 10 Manliest High Tide Sea Shanties/The Art of Manliness



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Events

2021

2/18 Lighthouse Charities Meeting

2/20 Mardi Gras

3/4 BOG Meeting

3/11 Gen. Membership Meeting

DANCING UNDER THE STARS

Winter 2021 Ballroom Dance instruction by
Certified Instructor, Keri Johnson
Tuesday, February 2 through
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
7:00PM

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CRUISING ARTICLES

MEMBERS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES DURING THE YEAR FOCUSING ON THEIR ADVENTURES IN CRUISING. PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR. ONE CRUISING ARTICLE WILL BE PUBLISHED PER ISSUE. PLEASE CONTACT EDITORS FOR GUIDELINES.



Rear Commodore—Glede Holman

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Our February 5 work party was a tremendous success. The multi-faceted event had work going on in the clubhouse, the centerboard building, and around the grounds. The centerboard building project revolves around removal of all the contents of the building and re-locating those items into two metal storage containers in preparation for demolition of the existing building and erection of the new one. One thing that became quite obvious to those who helped clean the building out was that there are a lot of items that had not seen the light of day in years and maybe decades. When we prepare to occupy the new building we will be asking everyone to make a thorough assessment of their property and get rid of the junk. Commodore Carlson has instructed that contents of the building will be limited to centerboard-related items only. Those who have keelboat items will need to find a new home for them.



The clubhouse project included a cleaning of the kitchen, inventory, and organization of equipment. We definitely have room for improvement in the kitchen. Food items were found in the cupboards that were several years out of date. Empty boxes still in the shelves and overall cleanliness lacking. A special “hats off” and thank you to the clubhouse crew as they were hard at work for over eight hours! With that said, there is still more to be done.

The grounds group was busy pruning damaged limbs, picking up garbage, as well as residual deadfall from the last ice storm.

In the next few weeks we will be focusing our efforts on preparation for the start of the racing season. New cable has arrived for the east hoist and that will be installed soon. Karl Benzer is heading up a remedial project for the west hoist sea wall area as well as dock repair for the west end of C Dock. Scott Law will be busy as project manager for the new building construction. Scott advises that we are on track for an early to mid April completion of the building. I believe we can anticipate Karl and Scott reaching out for assistance with their projects, and I thank you in advance for giving it.

As you probably already know, we are expecting a prolonged bout of below freezing weather. Please check your boats.

In closing, I want to say it is an honor to serve as your Rear Commodore, and I truly appreciate all the hard work and effort members make to keep our club up. You have made, and continue to make, a difference!



Secretary's Corner—Jake Langthorn

Board of Governor's Meeting—January 4, 2020

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This past month has been busy for the Board of Governors. We have met three times as the OCBC Board and twice as the LCI Board. OCBC has now entered into a contract for construction of the new centerboard building, while LCI has purchased ten new RS Zest boats as the new training fleet for LCI. The Picos were sold, reducing the cost of the Zests. Replacing the Picos will make boat maintenance a much lighter task than has been the rule for the past couple of years, as the Picos aged (or at least the rigging on the Picos). The Zests have been very well received by the sailing training community and will be both safe and fun to sail.



The new building process has started. The existing building has been cleaned out and all the OCBC and LCI gear it contained has been stored in two mobile storage units. Complete deconstruction of the old building will happen in the near future, awaiting only sufficient people, time and appropriate weather. The old building served us well for more than 25 years. Many thanks to the members who built it. The new building will be in service by May 1, 2021. May it serve us as well, and as long, as the old one.

Jake Langthorn
Secretary



Saturday, February 20th
7:00pm

O.C.B.C.
Mardi
GRAS



Cajun Food, King Cake, Masks,
Face Painting, Zydeco Music!

Donations Accepted

Laissez le bon temps rouler!

CHILI COOK-OFF

Dear fellow OCBC members,

We had very delicious dinner at the OCBC Annual Chile Cook-off Saturday. One could find any type of Chile that one wanted—15 different types— from dark red to cream, with or without beans and plenty of condiments to put on it— from cornbread to cheese.

The affair was hosted by Art Caples and Casey Barnett. And the winners of the two bottles of Crown Royal went to Jennifer Fish for the best tasting red Chile; Anne & Allyn Baskerville won the best cream Chile. Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to bring the Chile and make this a delicious culinary event!!

OCBC encourages all to stay safe and follow the THREE W'S: Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands; Watch Your Distance.

To view all photos:

[OCBC Chili Cook-Off](#)



The Burgee Pole by Don Garrison

This month I have included a few more burgees than last month. I am hoping to get through the entire list by the end of the year. If I cover 12 each month, I may just about make it. At this moment I have 137 burgees, with a few more in a box waiting to be displayed.

So, what do we have this month? Burgees from all parts of the world, and a couple of mysteries. In this group of 14, we have burgees from 7 states, and 4 countries. Again, if you have any information to help fill in the right-hand column with names, dates, or the event that was the source of the burgee, please contact me.

I want to mention two burgees specifically. Number 22, Alice Springs, Yacht Club is, perhaps, an orphan. Let me explain. When I, and Gene McClendon before me, add a burgee to the list I attempt to verify that our information is correct, specifically that we have the club's name correct and the burgee looks right. So I look for the club's website. Most have one. A few just have facebook pages, but those show up on a search engine as well.

But for Alice Springs Yacht Club I hit a wall. The search engine finds it listed in the Yacht Clubs of Australia page at <http://www.yachtclub.com/aussieyc1.html>, but there is no telephone number for the club and the link to the club's webpage goes nowhere. The same happens for the Wikipedia page and several other lists of Australian yacht clubs. I sadly conclude that the club is no longer active.

Moving to the next burgee, Number 23, Northwest Sailing Association, notice that it looks backwards. No, I didn't accidentally lay it on the background wrong. The writing and printing are only on that side.

That's all for this month. I will have another dozen next month.

Tag	Burgee	Yacht Club	City	State	Donor, Event, or NOTES
11		Southern Yacht Club	New Orleans	LA	
12		St. Petersburg Yacht Club	St. Petersburg	FL	Keith Green
13		Etobicoke Yacht Club	Toronto	Ontario CN	
14		Staniel Cay Yacht Club	Exuma Banks	Baha- mas	

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15		Indian River Yacht Club	Cocoa	FL	
16		Falmouth Yacht Club	Falmouth	MA	
17		Gross Pointe Yacht Club	Gross Pointe Shores	MI	Liz Eagan
18		King Harbor Yacht Club	Redondo Beach	CA	Rob Berg, Russell Cole, Kevin Kendall 1990 Mallory Cup
19		Los Angeles Yacht Club	San Pedro	CA	Luther Curtis, 2009
20		Hawaii Yacht Club	Oahu	HI	
21		Bora Bora Yacht Club	Bora Bora	French Polynesia	Luther Curtis
22		Alice Springs Yacht Club	Alice Springs	NT AU	Francis Beling, 2013
23		North West Sailing Association	Arlington Heights	IL	
24		Fort Worth Boat Club	Fort Worth	TX	Adams Cup, 2008

M E M O R I E S

Valentine's Party, 2009 HF VALENTINE PARTY

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Submitted
Monthly
by
John
Walters





EDITOR'S EPILOGUE—Keith Green

36th AMERICA'S CUP UPDATE

The America's Cup came to a bitter and disappointing end to New York Yacht Club's American Magic's campaign, for its yacht, Patriot, shortly after it capsized and nearly sank during a race against Italy's Luna Rossa on January 17 on New Zealand's Hauraki Gulf. Patriot was escorted out of the competition after repairs were made to its hull and other components and subsequent to losing four straight races to Luna Rossa during the Prada Cup semi-finals. American Magic and New York Yacht Club, which once held the America's Cup for 132 years, must now wait until deciding whether it will challenge for the 37th America's Cup when that competition is announced.

The \$5M yacht capsized and almost sank when it was hit by a gust of wind estimated at a speed of 40+ knots while proceeding to the top mark. The skipper said the crew had successfully negotiated the same maneuver on the prior leg while going around the right gate, rather than the left gate, which it had practiced many times before the unfortunate occurrence. At the time, they were holding a big lead over Luna Rossa as they were about to round the mark. To view the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBUTJG3Hf_s



T R A D I N G P A G E

FOR SALE: Windrose 24.5' made by Laguna Yachts. Includes trailer, Mercury outboard, main, jib, genoa, removable sink/kitchenette, lifelines, and battery. Swing keel. Very large cockpit with cushions. Lights inside and out. Stickers all up to date. Complete bottom job by Cedar Mills Marina included epoxy barrier coat. Still has Interlux bottom paint for another season. Make offer. David Robinson, 405-642-8856.

FOR SALE: Lighthouse Charities, Inc has a 1969 Dolphin Senior, with sail, dolly, spars and blades, for sale/sail. \$500.00. Contact: Glede Holman 405-416-0112, rear-commadore@okcboatclub.com

HELP NEEDED: Do you have a "FLAMMABLES" cabinet you are not using? If so, we could sure use it at the club to store flammable items. Also, does anyone have a rolling tool chest they do not need? We could use one to organize and store club owned tools.

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