



SINGLES UNDER SAIL, INC.

THE MASTHEAD

Volume 34 Issue 11

December 2020

✦ *Happy*
Holidays ✦

WILSON COVE

Photo By Ida Lowe

HAVE A SINGLES UNDER SAIL QUESTION? *Contact:*

President * tclaga@yahoo.com	Terry Cotterall-Lagana		At the helm
Vice President * jcravenho@gmail.com	John Cravenho		Meeting locations, Nominating Committee
Treasurer * SUSTreasurer1@gmail.com	Leisa Bell		Budget, financial reports, expense reimbursement
Secretary * kgferris@att.net	Karen Ferris		Calendar, meeting minutes, SUS bylaws
Commodore * sloopquest@aol.com	Peter Luciano		Skippers, sailing schedule, Program Meeting speakers
Vice Commodore * crewsails@gmail.com	Janet Steinberg		Day & Twilight Sails, Sailaways, All Aboard Sailing events, education classes, orientation materials
Membership * MarieTaney@gmail.com	Marie Taney		New member applications, education certificates, boating certifications
Membership Database SUSdata1@gmail.com	Petra Schallenberg		Demographic updates, dues
Newsletter * SUSmasthead@gmail.com	Ida Lowe		Masthead editor: articles, photos, Announcements, Ads
Public Relations * SUSpublicrelations1@gmail.com	Ronnie Ross		Club announcements, Meetups, Publicity
Programs *	TBD		Speakers programs
Special Events * aijaklebers@yahoo.com	Aija Klebers		Special events: venue & party planning, Club party supply inventory
Webmaster SUSwebmaster18@gmail.com	Ida Lowe		Club website & Facebook page

* Board Member

BULLETIN BOARD

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click on event to get full details](#)

Dec 17 [Holiday Get-Together](#)
@7 pm ZOOM

Jan 21 [Program Meeting: Dorota's SUS Log](#)
@7 pm ZOOM

From the Editor

No photo collage this month. So I invite you to explore our website's Photos where you will find past & present slide shows & photos from SUS's events and adventures including the 10th anniversary slide show! Just click

[Photos - Singles Under Sail](#)

December Birthdays

Caryl Bate 12/3
Roger Blaho 12/3
Dawn Daly 12/13
Fred Cronin 12/23
Susan Anderson 12/28

President's Message—Terry Cotterall-Lagana

A Metaphor For New Beginnings



When trying situations come my way, I have a strategy for spinning them in a positive direction. During one of the 5 times that I moved in the past 10 years, Billy asked how I was handling the overwhelming accumulation of the past 20 years! I said "I can't talk long because I really have to go to bed!" I continued, "Lately I can't wait to go to bed because when I go to sleep, I know that the next thing I'll do is wake up! And, in the morning, when I wake

up, I'll get more packing done and I'll be that much closer to being finished!" I deluded myself into thinking that moving is easy. And I must believe it because I am doing it again! I'm off to Florida this week and will learn to be a "snowbird", but I'll never be farther than a ZOOM away!



So, here is my spin on putting my boat to bed for the winter! The winterizing is done, the sails have been removed and the winter cover is on and Serenity is hibernating! The winter holidays are upon us and as soon as they are finished, we will have the Inauguration, St Patrick's Day, Spring work begins and BOOM we're back in the water SAILING. It will go so fast you will not remember that winter even came!

All this by way of saying, spin it to look like it is just around the corner, because IT IS! See you at the séance, oops, the Zoom meeting Thursday, Dec. 17! Let us see what other tricks we can think of to play on ourselves to get through this winter.

Love you all, Terry!

Vice President's Message—John Cravenho



At the November meeting, the SUS Board elected Sherry Anderson as Treasurer and Ronnie Ross (and committee) as Special Events Director. Board terms of office begin January 1, 2021.

Board members returning next year are: Terry Cotterall-Lagana - President, Ronnie Ross with Cindy Bunt-Gardner - Public Relations, Ida Lowe - Newsletter, Karin Ferris - Secretary, and Marie Taney - Membership.

The Commodore position will be elected by the Skippers at their January meeting. Janet Steinberg will continue as Vice Commodore.

At this time, the Vice President and Programs Director positions remain open for 2021.

Anyone who is interested in being considered for either open position is asked to contact [Terry Cotterall-Lagana](#) or a member of the nominating committee: [Bill Draper](#), [Aija Klebers](#), [Teresa Nilla](#), [Gary Silberberg](#), [Janet Steinberg](#), or [Tom Zagaroli](#).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the nominating committee for their participation and excellent ideas to present Board recommendations.

John

Commodore's Corner—Peter Luciano



British Marine Trivia

For a change of pace, and having some fun, here is some British marine trivia about two places I have been to and remember well.

So please identify names and locations.

1 – HMS _____ is an island fortress, made of stone, sitting in blue water, off a French island. It was officially commissioned as a stone frigate. British ships passing this island are required to give it full honors like any other naval ship. HMS _____ was fortified and was used to bombard the French Island of _____.

2 - A hollowed out mountain fortress, was capable of supporting a British regiment, sitting just 50 miles off another continent. The fortification was used to defend a water passage as recently as the Second World War. Currently its possession is under dispute, but today it is defended by dry macaroni eating monkeys.

The answers can be found on the last page of the Masthead.

Vice Commodore Report—Janet Steinberg



Sunrise Sunset



Looking back at the variety of photos I have on my computer, and at many of the photos shared by SUS members in the Masthead, I have noticed that the most frequently shared photos are of sunsets. Each sunset represents a time of reflection (often in the company of friends) where we look back on the events of the day and also revel in the beauty and atmosphere of nature and the world around us with gratitude. The variety of experience is seemingly endless and each day is different.

Unless you work nights, or are an early riser, the spectacle and expectation of sunrise are missed by most except in the winter months. I love both sunset and sunrise but for me there is something special about nighttime sailing offshore, and watching first dawn break and then feel the energy, warmth and aura of the sunrise, along with the expectant anticipation.

As the year draws to a close and we celebrate the winter holidays, we naturally find ourselves in a period of reflection and anticipation. 2020 will soon be a memory, a year like no other that we can remember - (although not the first pandemic in history). 2021 is just a few days away, bringing with it the anticipation of a new chapter and hopefully the distribution of a vaccine that can get us back to our “normal” lives.

Singles Under Sail has been challenged and has survived. When we look back on the year, we can feel pride at the participation and determination of its members to keep SUS sailing and our friendships alive. Let's look forward with expectant anticipation to a 2021 sailing season with a renewed energy and gratitude.

January has traditionally been a time we have shared our 2020 sailing season photos with others. Let's take the time to sort out some favorite 2020 SUS pictures, whether land, sea sunrise or sunset. Send them to Ida at susmasthead@gmail.com. Let's share our experiences until we can be sailing again!





SUS Zoom Holiday Get-Together

Thursday December 17, 7PM

Just click on the link below

<https://baruch.zoom.us/j/2888336051>

Grab your favorite beverage and join your SUS friends to celebrate the season together..... virtually!

Details coming to you via snail mail!



SUS ZOOM PROGRAM MEETING



Dorota's Photographic SUS Log

Thursday, January 21 @ 7 PM

Just click on the link below

<https://baruch.zoom.us/j/2888336051>

Join us for a treat when Dorota Potorecka, super sailor and super photographer shares her amazing photos of her 3 years with SUS!

Commodore's Corner—Peter Luciano

Answers to British Marine Trivia



1. **HMS Diamond Rock, located off the coast of Martinique.** In 1803, the British erected cannons on top of the rock, quickly built fortifications, and supplied water and food to the island for a garrison of 120 men and two lieutenants. Hood, the Commodore, classified Diamond Rock as a “stone frigate” and named it HMS Diamond Rock. The Admiralty in London confirmed this designation, slightly altering its name to “sloop Diamond Rock” Today all the Royal Navy ships passing the Rock are required to accord it appropriate honors because Britain still views the Rock as being part of the Royal Navy.
2. In 1704, Anglo-Dutch forces captured **Gibraltar** from Spain during the War of the Spanish Succession on behalf of the Hapsburg claim to the Spanish throne. The territory was ceded to Great Britain in perpetuity under the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. During the Napoleonic Wars and World War II it was an important base for the Royal Navy as it controlled the entrance and exit to the Mediterranean Sea. The Strait of Gibraltar is only 14.3 km (8.9 mi) wide at this naval choke point. It remains strategically important with half the world's seaborne trade passing through the strait. Today Gibraltar's economy is based largely on tourism, online gambling, and financial services. The sovereignty of Gibraltar is a point of contention in Anglo Spanish relations because Spain asserts a claim to the territory. Gibraltarians rejected proposals for Spanish sovereignty in a 1967 referendum and, in a 2002 referendum, the idea of shared sovereignty was also rejected.