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## Commodore's Corner

by Ray Lanza

Rumor has it that a small patch of clear water was observed in the cove the first week of March. With such a mild winter it's likely that we'll have an early ice out. Spring can't be more than a few short weeks away. I hope it finds you and your family in good health, eager to start a new season!!

Please join us on Saturday Evening, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the LWSA Ice-Out Party. We're holding it in Mulligan's Restaurant at the Lochmere Country Club. Bob and Beth Lux (Cruising Club of America's Blue Water Award winners 1997) will be there to speak about their worldwide cruising adventures aboard their 40 foot Hinkley. (See ad and article...)

The executive committee and the WYC race committee have spent the past few weeks putting together the schedule of events for the 1997 season. We'll start off in May with a Sign-up and Kickoff Meeting. Those of you who race are probably aware of the fact that there's a new set of simplified racing rules. If you're a US Sailing member you should have or will shortly get a copy in the mail. At our May 17 Kickoff Meeting, a US Sailing Certified Judge will present a 1 to 2 hour seminar to help explain the in's and out's of the new rules as part of the meeting.

The San Juan 24 championship is a 2 day event this year and is being transformed into an open, one-design regatta. We're hoping to also have J80's,

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*Beth and Bob Lux aboard Rhodora.*

## Cruising the World -- by D. K. Hammond

The April Iceout Party will feature Beth & Bob Lux. Recently named as Cruising Club of America's 1997 Blue Water Awardees, Beth and Bob will present their slides and talk about their trip cruising the world. Their travels, taking over 6 years and 11 months, included circumnavigating South America, journeying through the French Canals, and finally coming home via Iceland and Greenland.

This trip realized Bob's lifelong dream. He bought *Rhodora* (type of wild flower) a 1970 Hinkley Bermuda 40 in 1980, four years before they left. Both Beth and Bob quit their jobs to cruise. They learned quite a bit along the way.

One important aspect that they learned to deal with is that Beth gets seasick. Luckily only for the first three or four days of a journey at sea. (Bob never gets seasick.) They worked out that before they would leave a port, Beth would start a one pot meal so that Bob could just add to it as they went along, until Beth felt better. Beth would do her watches but not much else for those first couple of days.

Other things that they learned came from the fact that the boat lacks refrigeration!! In addition, little things that we take for granted, like canned meat and supplies, are difficult (and or expensive) to find in places where people buy everything fresh. Beth learned how to can their own supplies using the directions from a pressure cooker and the knowledge she ferreted out from the people she met.

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## New Rules

by Alan Kanegsberg

There is a new International Rule Book from US Sailing that will take effect April 1, 1997 and will be in effect until March 31, 2000. The new rules are briefer and more clearly stated than the old ones. If you are a member of US Sailing, you have already received your new book.

If you are interested in the new rules, there are several options:

First, if you do not have a new Rule Book, you can join US Sailing through the LWSA for \$35 (a \$5 saving). You will receive a new Rule Book and a subscription to *Sailing World* magazine and other membership benefits. An application appears on Page 4.

Second, you can attend our May 17 Kickoff Meeting. At that time John Tagliamonte, a US Sailing Certified Judge, will give a one to two hour presentation on the rule changes that most affect you.

Third, you can attend a seminar titled "Understanding the New Racing Rules" presented by Dave Perry. That seminar will be held at Thayer Academy in Braintree, MA on Saturday, April 26 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. The price will be \$35. Call Alan Kanegsberg at 225-5635 for additional information. A number of our members have already planned to attend.

There will also be a Race Management Seminar to be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead on Sunday, May 4 from 8:30 to 3:30. This seminar is directed at people who will be serving on Race Committees. The cost will be \$22. Several of our members are planning to attend. If you want to join them, please call Susan Sparks at 641-9191.

## Cruising the World

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Despite all that time on board, Beth claims that they never got bored. The boat has a "moderate" amount of wood. They keep the teak varnished so they spent a fair amount of time on that and other boat maintenance. Beth knits and that provided one of her staple entertainments, while Bob played his guitar for one of his forms of entertainment.

In addition, they both did a lot of reading. Book swapping is an important part of boat to boat interactions. Other cruisers would recommend places where stores or citizens spoke English so that they could buy used books in English. In addition, having met other cruisers, the ham radio became a source of contact and entertainment for everyone as well.

Between books, knowledge, and friendship, the Lux's created a web of interactions - Beth and Bob would see people in New Zealand and not see them again until the Mediterranean. Other people they saw in Panama and they did not see again until Australia. Still others they would see more frequently. Some of these cruisers shared especially strong bonds, and Bob and Beth have stayed in contact with several friends after they have returned to land.

Adjustment back to land has been hard although they consider themselves land people and don't want to live on a boat for rest of their lives. They do have future plans for boating and still own the boat.

Their slide show presentation will be about 70 minutes and we hope that you will join us April 19th at Mulligan's Restaurant at the Lochmere Country Club. Social Hour starts at 5:30, dinner 6:30 and the Lux's go on at 7:30. (See Notice of Event on the back page.)

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