



Puerto Galera Yacht Club Newsletter

March 2020

Events

October 31 -Nov 2

All Souls Regatta.

**CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Every Friday Night @
6:30PM
BBQ Night

Every Wednesday @
6:30PM
Curry Night Buffet



Photo Credit: Mark Estabillo

Easter Regatta Cancelled

Due to the nature and speed of the COVID-19 impact, the PGYC Easter Regatta will be cancelled this year, and regrettably so. It was a hard decision for the Club, but ultimately the safety of members, visitors, and staff is paramount as well as the broader community. We apologize for any inconvenience and now look forward to the All Souls Regatta with even more anticipation.

COVID-19 Response

The Government status and actions change daily, but typically posted to What's Happening in Puerto Galera Facebook groups:

<https://www.facebook.com/puertogaleragov/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WhatsHappening.in.PuertoGalera/>

Effective March 20, until further notice, the CLUB will be CLOSED. Will monitor the situation closely and adjust based on guidance from the Governor and Municipality.

Muelle Pier is closed to Club traffic. PGYC SERVICE BOAT will also suspend operations. Director Marco will make several rounds of the moorings daily to give boats a visual check until service

2020 Board of Directors

Commodore

Jurgen Langemeier

Vice Commodore

Small Boat Program

Peter Stevens

Communications

Moorings

Marco Petrie

Bar/Resto

TBD

Sailing Events

Terence McManus

Treasurer

Garry Kingshott

Marine Operations

Mike Chetkowski

boat operations resume. Please ensure your information that the PGYC Office has on file is correct.

As always, the health of our Members and Staff is of the utmost concern. While there is a fair amount of uncertainty in terms of how long and the severity of impact, we will take whatever actions necessary to protect the Club. We should also be sensitive to the fact that the Club's demographic is the one hardest hit by the virus combined with the lack of medical professionals and facilities locally.

Round Table Meeting (RT)

Following the AGM Meeting, John Hyndman, Malcolm Morrison, Mike Tucker, Goran Rudelius, Bo Nieson, John Quirk, and Marco Petrie met over the course of several weeks to discuss possible alternatives to the proposed mooring fee increase due to new Municipal Fees and brainstorm on the topic of additional operating and revenue opportunities for the Club. Thank you to all members who provided valuable input and to John Quirk who also hosted/facilitated the meetings. Marco Petrie presented the findings at the February Board meeting, which were well received with many being currently looked both in the near and long term.

Some of the immediate challenges are containing service boat operational costs, absorbing additional new fees from the Municipality, and expenses relating to business regulations changes this year. At the time, we so didn't foresee how much of an impact COVID-19 would factor and that situation continues to unfold and impact events and sponsors. We will continue to work on key areas and use the upcoming slow season to trial some ideas.

Another important take-away from the RT was the formation of subcommittees to assist with functional responsibilities (Food and Beverage, Mooring, Operations, Events, etc.). If you are interested in a given area and have time to assist, please let us know directors@pgyc.org.

Fitz and Trish Bid Us Farewell

Fitz and Trish departed Puerto Galera last week, moving back to Australia permanently. They will be missed not only from a Club perspective, but a personal one by nearly all members and staff. The amount time and energy they both contributed to the Club is hard, if not impossible to replace. Thank you once again. If a member has an interest filling Fitz's big shoes by providing oversight/assistance with F&B, please contact us ASAP clubhouse@pgyc.org or directors@pgyc.org



Staff

The staff work tirelessly every day without fanfare, so if you have any comments, suggestions, or **glowing reviews** – please let them know!



China Rose

Clive returns China Rose to her long-standing place at the Club after a long holiday in Subic. The boat is looking great after numerous improvements and ready for new adventures with Clive at the helm. He was gracious enough to host a “boat warming party” and everyone had a great time in the spacious cockpit. **Congratulations Clive!**

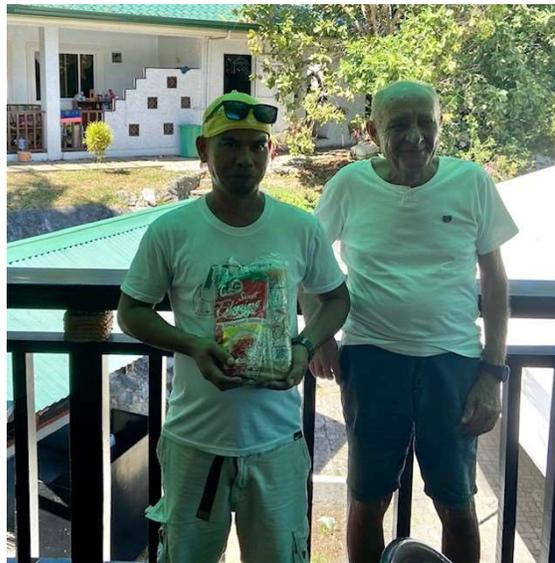




Employee Appreciation Day

In recognition of all staff members, Alma hosts a staff appreciation day monthly. Many times, we take for granted their work and assistance and this is a small gesture of our appreciation. Without them, the Club and our experience would not be what it is. Thank you to all the staff and to Alma for continued leadership; keep up the great work. We are lucky to have each of you!





And let's not forget our employees from last month awards!

Well Done Noriel, Leo, and Jessa for your continued hard work and efforts to make the Club a better place!

Mooring Inspection

As we do every year, The Staff along with Director Marco and Member Manfred conducted the mooring inspections over a 11-day period in February. Owners should be receiving the mooring



report this month. The inspection flowed very smoothly due to Leo's leadership and truly very much a group effort this year. A sincere **thank you** to Club Member **Manfred** who generously volunteered his time throughout this year as he did last.



As always, we need your help with **Newsletter contributions** in the form of letters to the editor, photos – old and new, articles on water activities, suggestions, etc. All input is valuable, so drop it off at the club office or email us at **communications@pgyc.org**. With your help, this newsletter will be far more informative and interesting.

Muelle's Constant Evolution



Walkway towards the Yacht Club construction (ongoing)



Service Boat pick-up point at pier



The Galleon. While not everyone is a fan, it's hard to fault the work.

Internet Usage Policy Note

Puerto Galera Yacht Club provides guests with Internet access via Globe. Typically, speeds are acceptable, but Globe (and other providers) are inconsistent throughout the day due to the limited and shared infrastructure in Puerto Galera. Unlimited data plans are also not available; we have a monthly data cap for all staff and guests of about 4GB total use per day budget for everyone and maximum throughput is approx. 1MB/sec shared amongst all users.

As such, usage is limited to email, social media, browsing, and other relatively low data demanding activities. Downloading movies, torrents, applications, and updating software is disallowed (thus the WIFI password nodownloads reminder). This is to help ensure all guests have access throughout the month instead of the Club running out of data early in the month as in the past. The Club does not limit access speeds in any way, so performance is a function of available bandwidth at the time you are connecting.

If your computer/device is not in compliance, we will remind you to curtail use or disconnect device. If you have trouble connecting to the Internet or have any questions about the policy, please contact svneptunus@outlook.com (Marco).

Board Meeting and Committee Updates

Moorings

Inspections complete, New Municipal Fees are in effect; billing changes recommended separating VAT from non-VAT sales for moorings. Club Mooring Regulations Updated and pending Board Review. Mooring owners/renters will receive a copy in their email address at the office once finalized.

Communications and Membership

We **WELCOME Martin Kirk** from Subic to our member ranks! Martin is not local yet, but took part in the last All Soul Regatta and joined. Martin, next time you are at the Club, please take the time to introduce yourself to members.

F&B

After several stalled attempts at procuring a new point of sale (POS system), we are restarting that effort. There has been a recent tax increase on some beverages including beer and we'll need to adjust out pricing accordingly once Bar is reopened.

Marine Operations

Mike Chetz and Team are continuing to explore various replacement service boat options. Cost of maintaining the current ones is prohibitive and they have already served well beyond their anticipated life-span. We are also exploring possible alternatives for the service boat schedule to help contain operational costs, while expanding limited coverage to Dalaruan Moorings as demand necessitates.

Events and Grounds and Maint

No planned projects, maintenance or events for the time being until we gain some visibility with the COVID-19 measures.

HOUSE RULES.

The objective of Puerto Galera Yacht Club is to provide a friendly, safe and family-oriented atmosphere. Club premises are for the use and enjoyment of members and restaurant guests. With this in mind, enjoying oneself while being respectful and courteous of all guests and staff is the guiding principle. The following rules are designed to support the objective:

- Disorderly conduct is prohibited. This includes loud, violent, offensive, or provocative language and/or behavior.
- Smoking is prohibited inside the Club except for the designated smoking area. Discard cigarettes in receptacles provided.
- Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times while on Club premises.
- Clothing should be respectful of other guests and appropriate for a public venue and restaurant. **Footwear is required in the clubhouse. No swimwear.**
- **If a pet accompanies you to the Club, they should be under your control at all times.** If they are causing a disturbance or another guest objects to their presence, you will be asked to leash the pet outside or remove them from the premises. Owners are responsible for picking up and removing any waste from the grounds.
- The use of fireworks on club premises is strictly forbidden unless authorized by the Board.
- Firearms or any other weapons are prohibited anywhere within PGYC property. A breach of this rule may result in expulsion or suspension from the Club. Police officers and security / personnel on duty may carry their weapons.
- The Club is not responsible for the loss or damage of any property belonging to members or guests.

Any issue arising from the above should be brought to the attention of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, or to a Director for proper response.

Local Yacht Resources

If you know of a person for a given service – email me (communications@pgyc.org) with the name, mobile #, and service offered and I'll include it. As always, do your own due diligence.

Retail - Chandlery

Broadwater Marine, Subic Bay Freeport – Extensive Chandlery and Catalogue
www.broadwatermarine.com, mobile : 09178323447, sales@broadwatermarine.com

Chetz Marine, Puerto Galera – Bangka Pro Inflatables, kayaks, Rule/Jabsco Marine, Mares Scuba. Mike is a club member and if he can't help you, he can often point you in the right direction.
<https://www.facebook.com/CHETZMarineSupplies/>, mobile: 09153796455

Als Marine, Manila – Yamaha Outboard Agent
mobile: 09178725688

Hyde Sails, Lapu-lapu City, Cebu, Philippines (pictured above)
orders@hydesails.com.ph, +63 (0)3234 14611

YHI (Philippines), Trojan Battery, Manila. Trojan Battery *DISTRIBUTOR*. Telephone: +63 46 5129256, Email: jason@yhi.com.ph, Web Site: www.yhi.com.sg

Arpa Energy (Patrick), Puerto Galera, Victron authorized dealer and solar panels. Has worked on many local yachts here and excellent resource!
mobile: 09162919594, <http://www.facebook.com/ArpaEnergy>

Boat yards/Haul Out

Watercraft Marine, Subic Bay Freeport
Sales Manager: Tony Mariano Mobile: 0917 835 2239, Fax: +6347 252 1738,
tonymariano@watercraftventure.com
Asst Sales Manager: Thea Go Mobile: +63932 865 6857, Fax: +6347 252 1738,
theago@watercraftventure.com

Papaya Cove, Nasugbu,
Mobile: 0920 925-9023

Holiday Oceanview Marina, Samal Island, Davao. Has a lift and reportedly good service and value if in that area. Holidaygroup.oceanviewmarina@gmail.com, mobile: 09173262003,
Manager: Ruth, mobile: 09435079051

For catamarans:

Asia Pacific Marine - Subic can haul catamarans.
Ph: +63917 316 8705 Ph: +63939 638 6162 Email: admin@apm.ph

Services

Yacht surveyors

There are only two accredited local surveyors for pleasure sailing yachts; Steve Warren and Ray Wolfe, both based in Subic Bay. Ray is excellent, but he is not allowed on the premises of Watercraft, but can survey elsewhere if available. Steve has a very good working relationship with Watercraft and both can provide project oversight service when having work done in Subic.

Steve Warren: shoremarinesurveyors@gmail.com, mobile: 09175222971

Ray Wolfe: kmwwolfe@yahoo.com, mobile: 09175123889

Marine Mechanics

Bhong, Baletero, Diesel mechanic and generators, mobile: 09072301537.

Note: Any significant repairs or repairs requiring haul out, I would consider heading to Subic where parts availability is far better. Both Broadwater and Watercraft have mechanics on staff.

Leo , PGYC, Small engine/outboard repair, just inquire directly or with the service boat operator.

Stainless steel work

Rene, Puerto Galera, mobile: 09173696571. Keep in mind 316 is not available locally. Rene (and anyone else here) uses 304 and sometimes of varying quality. 304 Stainless is **18% chromium and 8% nickel** (vs 316 w/ 16% chromium, 10% nickel and 2% molybdenum). The molybdenum is added to help resist corrosion to chlorides (like sea water).

Carpentry and Fiberglass

Luming, Puerto Galera, go-to local resource for all carpentry and fiberglass needs. Has worked on many of the Club yachts and I consider him a trusted advisor, which is a rarity. **Mobile: 0919-735 2472**

Arnold Santos: Carpentry and general repairs. Based in Subic, but can travel. Also works as a contractor for Broadwater. **Mobile: 0915-317-2487**

Broadwater based in Subic can also quote the project if repairs are to be performed in Subic or work on a time and material basis if sending staff to Puerto Galera to perform work.

Electrical

Richmond, Puerto Galera, can assist with all kinds of electrical project ranging from wiring, alternators, icemakers, mobile: 09159001171.

Bottom Cleaning and Boatman related services: ad-hoc requests can usually be accommodated by Club boatmen in their off time.