

# Gold Country Yacht Club



## ... a little dinghy

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### Soundings From The Poop-deck

2007 Board Proposed

***DON'T FORGET – THE MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE AT  
Larry & Lena's Pizza October 11th***



### ATTENTION PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

It is very important for all of the club members to come to the October meeting at Larry and Lena's. We will be having officer nominations for 2007 and I will be discussing some changes in the by-laws that will be brought before the club for a vote at the November meeting. The changes need to take place before we can vote to install the upcoming Board of Directors. I hope that this has peaked your interest enough to get your commitment to attend. As usual we meet at 6:00 for dinner and start the meeting promptly at 7:00. We have a lot to discuss so please be there for the bell.



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I know that it has be over a month but it feels like only yesterday that I had a visit with Peggy our NID Manager for Scotts Flat Lake. As you already know she was very helpful in clearing the way for us to meet at the Club Pavilion without having to pay to get though the gate. However, there were other things discussed that I thought you might like to know.

Apparently, the dinghy dock has been creating some problems for the management during the winter months so we have been asked to move it up into the compound for the winter. By the time you read this, the dock should be already put to bed for the winter.

Peggy liked the idea of putting signage around the parking lot so that there would be no more excuses for leaving a boat over night without paying for it. So, be careful you could get a ticket if you leave it without permission.

I guess that there has been some trouble with the taxi service the mooring ball renters have been enjoying. We all figured that it was just a service the lake personnel provided to the mooring ball renters. Well not so, there will be no more free ride out to the boats unless you are handicapped. I guess it would be a good idea to get those dinghies back into shape and onto the dock.

On a more positive note; Peggy plans to have more dry storage available at the top of the parking lot. Also, Peggy wanted everyone to know that they do not want any boat trailers parked in the single car area just above the Club Pavilion.

Let me remind everyone that December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 AM the mooring balls are up for grabs so the club will make sure that we reserve the ball for our club barge. You will need to be there if you want one for yourself.

We also took a look at the contract between GCYC and NIC; it will remain in force until December 31, 2007. At that time it the club will need to renew it again. On January 1, our next Commodore will need to let NID know what weekends we want to use the Club Pavilion. We have the right to reserve 10 weekends before anyone can rent the facility.

All in all Peggy is happy with the club and our relationship with the lake staff. She knows that we are an advocate for the lake and wants to keep the relationship strong. She feels that it is best for the Commodore of the club to be our liaison so that communication goes through only one person. This is a good idea and will help to stop some of the confusion that we have had this year.

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"The Lake is falling!" "The lake is FALLING!" Unlike the Chicken Little children's story, this is no fantasy. Scotts Flat Lake has dropped several feet in the last two weeks and left the club's dinghy dock high and dry in the cove. It's unfortunate that the one week I miss checking on the dock is the week nobody uses it (or bothers to reset it) and so it's aground. The problem is that lake management has determined we have to get it off the lake for the winter, along with the barge and club chase boat. All by the 15th of the month.

The last race is scheduled for Sunday the 8th and so the board has planned that day for re-floating and securing the dock and the barge. Volunteers are asked to come up to SFL by 9:00 AM to assist. I'm sorry about the short notice but the requirement was late in coming. Anyone having some old plywood to use for a skid is asked to contact me at 272-3209. We need whole sheets to put under the dock foam and so they should be expendable.

It's been a grand few weeks though. The Rolex Big Boat race series was coincidental with Jamie's business convention so we got to watch the big boys do it and then hob-nob with the racers at the Saint Francis post-race party. It's great having a booze company sponsor your races, Mt. Gay rum didn't spare the product or the souvenirs. Gee Jerry, maybe we could get Star or NC Winery to sponsor our races?

It was just after returning from the bay that I decided to take Charlie McKenzie up on an offer to sail with him and Jeremy from Vancouver City to Vancouver Island. It was boat delivery week as we took Jeremy's Santana 22 up to his place on Lopez Island and then took delivery of Charlie's Sceptre 41 on the Fraser River and took it to Sidney B.C. All went well as the weather cooperated with warm and sunny days and we had enough wind to get a taste of big boat sailing in the San Juans. It wasn't all play though as both boats had to be put up for wintering and the 41 was new to Charlie and hadn't been used for a while so was also in need of outfitting. (Then there was the private dock that is the winter home for the Ahana, but that's another story.)

That was my first visit to the San Juans. They're the most beautiful place to sail. Spectacular scenery in a sheltered environment with so many anchorages and seaside towns to visit. Jamie and I are going back there this next summer for sure.

See you this Sunday,

Dave.



### THE CRUISING LOG

The sailing season is drawing to a close up here in the Gold Country, and recently three of our members have taken some exciting cruises. The Rosseaus, the Cowells, and the Eppersons all went up to the Pacific Northwest on separate cruises, visiting the San Juan Islands in Washington and the Sunshine Coast in British Columbia. Doug treated us to a slide show of his trip last meeting. I am hoping each of them will also write an article for the Little Dinghy so that we can ALL enjoy their experiences, vicariously.

Does anyone have ideas and suggestions to make the cruising program more active? Please let me know and we will see if it can be incorporated into next year's program. As always, the club runs on volunteers, and the cruising program depends on people willing to volunteer leadership for activities, for newsletter articles, and for presentations at club meetings. And if any of you have had some out-of-the-area cruises that I have not written about, be sure to tell me so that I can include points for this year's Cruising Award! See you at the meeting.



## *Membership/Publicity - Chairperson Dave Bloch*

### MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY

As we get close to the year wrapping up, I'm trying to tie up some Membership loose ends that my "first timer" status in this job. And I need your help on this!

The first is, I've still got a pile of 2006 membership cards that were never picked up. Our usual distribution method for these has been that I bring the box of cards to each meeting, announce I have them, and any member who has not yet got their card picks theirs up. Perhaps because it took us so long to get these out this year, I still probably have half of them. If you come to our October meeting at Larry & Lena's and still don't have your card, please see me and get yours. And if you have suggestions about an alternative method of distribution (maybe after about May we should just mail them), let me know in person or by Email:

[dave@sierrabusiness.net](mailto:dave@sierrabusiness.net) .

The second thing that still hasn't happened this year is making the name tags for the new members, and there may be a few more as well. I'm trying to pull that list together of the ones that have to me made, and it's turning out to be a bit more confusing than expected. If you haven't received a blue GCYC name tag, please let me know at the October meeting or by Email. Every member should have one.

Finally, let me remind everyone that we've got a good-looking new membership brochure this year! We'll print up a batch when we get close to the 2007 sailing season, but anyone is welcome to print some out on your own printer. I'd be happy to Email the brochure in PDF format to anyone; just Email me. (They look great in color!) That address again:

[dave@sierrabusiness.net](mailto:dave@sierrabusiness.net) .

For Sale  
Capri 22  
\$3500  
Contact Chris Buti for specs and information.  
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FOR SALE: 1974 O'Day 20 sailboat. Great "learning" boat; comfortable V-berth; cabin with benches, cabinet and sink; cushions for cabin and cockpit; other extras. Anti-fouling paint job by KKMI in Richmond this spring; full inertia braking system installed on trailer in 2005. Asking \$3,500 o.b.o. ALSO: 2006 Mercury 8HP outboard motor. Purchased this February, has probably less than 2 running hours on it. Asking \$1,500, o.b.o. Details and photos of the boat and motor are at . (Purchase the boat, and you can even have the domain name!) Call Dave



Happy Racing

## October 2006

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*Board Meeting October 3rd*  
*General Meeting October 11th*  
*Racing October 8th*

*Board Meeting October 3rd*

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*Board Meeting November 8th*  
*General Meeting November 15th*  
*Thanksgiving Holidays 23rd & 24th*  
*Transition Board Meeting November 28th*

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