

...a little dinghy

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From Your Commodore

Ahoy Crew,

Well everyone, this is it - my farewell news letter. I left you all last month with Daydreams resting in Santa Cruz waiting on weather. Jerry Cirino and I headed back the next Friday via the Truck, the Amtrak, the Bus and Robert (my Santa Cruz cruiser connection). One of the fun parts of cruising by boat is dealing with transportation to and from. It's all part of the adventure! After checking out with the marina we turned in early for our 0400 departure. It was an easy motor boat trip back to the bay and we were tied up in Emery Cove at 1700 hrs. What a difference a week can make!

Daydreams has been busy this last month and a half with the Monterey, Scuba/Sail the weather delay and then back on the water for the SYRCL auction day on the bay. Jerry joined me again to help crew for our guest. I usually do what I call the loop. Around Angel Island out Raccoon Straight along Sausalito, out the Golden Gate, down the San Francisco city front to AT&T's McCovey Cove and a reach back to Emeryville. By the time we got out on the water the fog had rolled in and we couldn't see anything beyond Treasure Island, so we headed to the South Bay where it was sunny and warm. Our passengers hadn't been together in six years and they had a lot of catching up to do. We had a great time and the highlight of the trip for our guest was McCovey Cove. They were big Giants Fans and had to have their picture with the park in the back ground. I bet they wish they would have waited and took in a Game from the cove this week. Who would have known (Go Giants).



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From Your Commodore (cont)

As if we can't get enough, we had to go party with Jimmy Buffet the next evening. The crew from Gypsy Soul and my Cuz joined us for a great concert with Jimmy singing all our favorite songs and dancing the night away. They say things get better with age and I think those of us sailing are proof. Jimmy keeps writing songs and he just keeps getting better too. Life is good for those who live!

So lets live our best life and make every minute count. The Gold Country Yacht Club is a big part of living that good life and I have to thank everyone for being a part of the good life.



The Buffet Crew

Fairwinds and Farewell
Amigos
Adios!
from your Commodore
Joe Day
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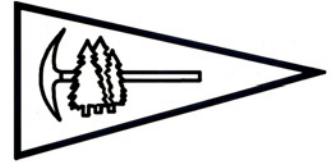
Club notices

Latitude 38 and 48 North magazines can be picked up anytime at 148 Richardson Street in Grass Valley. They are in the driveway in the BLUE MAILBOX. Usually we get them between the 2nd and 4th of the month.

The November general meeting will be held at Alta Sierra Pizza on November 10th, as always, eat at 6pm, meet at 7pm.

Incoming board members' first meeting will be November 23rd.

This is the final "A Little Dinghy" issue of 2010. Thanks to all of our members - it has been a great year for Gold Country Yacht Club! Make sure you sign up for Christmas party tasks at the November meeting, and mark your calendar for December 11th at the Board of Realtors office in Whispering Pines business park for the PARTY!!!



March 2010 General Meeting Minutes

Commodore Joe Day called the meeting called to order at 19:04.

Commodore (Joe Day): Howard Hendrich was seriously injured recently when his camper fell on him. He is currently rehabilitating in Auburn. A get-well card is being passed around for members to sign. Joe told Donna Hendrich that the club would see that their boat is brought home from the lake's parking lot.

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The nominating committee (Hugh Talman, Bruce Cutshall, Doug Epperson, Jeremy Gicker and Joe Day) met recently and came up with the following nominations for next year's Board.

- Commodore: Chris Buti
- Vice-commodore: Don Hare
- Secretary: Janis Johnson
- Treasurer: Jean Cutshall
- Membership/Publicity: Melinda Day
- Race Chairman: Jerry Lewis
- Port Captain: Bryant Cockcroft
- Cruise Director: Doug Epperson
- Newsletter Editor: Rick Paulson

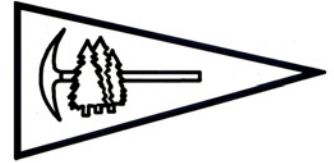
The position of Educational Director still needs to be filled. The club will pay for instructor certification. It's also apparent that this position needs additional support as the junior sailing program has grown. Contact Don Hare or Joe if you are interested in participating as director or in providing support for this position.

Stewart Nielsen volunteered for the Educational Director position. Joe said the club will make sure this position has adequate support next year. Chris Buti mentioned that other people can get certified at the same time as Stewart; contact Joe if you're interested in getting US Sailing instructor certification.

The work party at SFL needs to be re-scheduled. (The Talmans were the only ones who showed up.) The clubhouse looks pretty good, so not much work is needed.

The Christmas party is coming up (Dec 11). Susan Murphy and Teresa Gaman will coordinate the party, but they need help. Hugh and Nicki Talman volunteered to help.

Fleet Week in the Bay just zoomed by. Danny and Marilyn Webb took their boat out on Friday to watch the rehearsal—it was a great show, and not too many boats on the water. Saturday, they went to Ayala Cove and walked around Angel Island to watch the show. Marilyn reported that it looked pretty hectic on the water that day.



October Meeting Minutes (cont)

Joe, Jerry Cirino and Dennis Barry recently sailed to Monterey for a dive trip. Jerry Cirino recalled their encounter with a pod of whales. The whales surrounded the boat and the crew could hear them calling to one another. It was an amazing experience. They ended up delaying their return trip, which meant a train trip back home first, but they had a great time.

Jimmy Buffett is playing at Shoreline Theater on October 16. The Days are going if anyone wants to join them.

Vice-Commodore (Chris Buti): Chris asked that people bring the perpetual trophies to the next meeting so they can be engraved for this year's awards.

Secretary (Janis Johnson): Janis had no news to report.

Treasurer (Jean Cutshall): Jean announced the club's bank balance, which is about \$1000 to \$1500 more than last year at this time. The Christmas party is expected to cost \$800-\$900.

Membership/Publicity (Melinda Day): Melinda stated that the club has 72 memberships now. She brings name badges to every meeting so be sure to find yours. She welcomed members Stephen and Laurie Ells, who after sailing a Flicka for many years now have a 30-ft Iroquois catamaran they are refitting in Santa Barbara. She also welcomed guest John Bouch who inherited a Force 5 dinghy and is interested in learning how to sail it.

Wolf Creek Wilderness is closing Don McKay talked to Danny at WCW. He is still interested in teaching/guiding on SFL next year.

Melinda received a call from a woman who wants to donate an El Toro to the club. Jerry Lewis talked to the woman. She is selling other boat stuff this weekend at a garage sale on Scotts Flat Road. Chris Buti said the Board should decide about the El Toro donation. Jerry will call the woman back to let her know.

Race Chairman (Jerry Lewis): Jerry is eyeing next year's calendar for race dates.

Port Captain (David Niedziejko): The work party is rescheduled for Saturday, October 23 at 9:30am. Janis Johnson will send out an e-mail reminder to the members. David will pick up tarps for covering the dinghies. The mast on the Hendrich's boat will need to be dropped and their dinghy moved. Janis asked about the dinghy dock concrete block. Joe said that will have to be addressed another day. David suggested that the angle of the dock needs to be changed. Joe said he, Don Hare and David will take care of the dock.

Cruise Director (Doug Epperson): The Eppersons are planning a 10-day trip through the San Juan Islands at the end of August/beginning of September 2011. They will trailer their boat to Bellingham, WA where they will splash. Jean Cutshall mentioned that Vancouver's Wooden Boat show happens around that time.

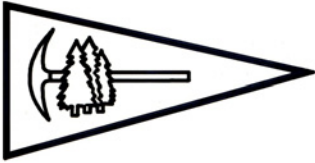
The Eppersons are also thinking about doing a Delta trip around 4th of July next year, so think about both these opportunities to sail somewhere new.

Educational Director (Don Hare): Don asked members to get the word out about next year's Junior Sailing classes. Instructors will need support from members, so please consider helping out. Melinda mentioned that there has been interest for an adult sailing class. Don said he would like to develop an adult class, but his experience has been that getting adults to commit has been challenging. He is interested in starting a high school sailing club.

The Board has been discussing ways to get the junior sailors involved with club races.

Newsletter Editor (Ken Neely): Joe complimented Ken on the great job he's doing with the newsletter.

Old Business: No old business was reported.



October Meeting Minutes (cont)

New Business: Ed Guinaugh read a quote from Sterling Hayden and reminded members “to not let the tomb be sealed.” Ed knows someone who needs crew doing the milk run through the South Pacific on a Taswell 43 next year. The boat is leaving La Paz, Baja CA in March. Contact him if you are interested.

David Cowell needs crew for next year’s YRA races. He recently did some serious beer can racing on the Bay and he’s upgrading some onboard equipment for next year’s races. Joe mentioned that racing is a great way to learn sail trim.

Jerry Lewis reminded everyone that the club needs to replace the stolen skiff (jr sailing chase boat). Hugh suggested checking Craigslist. Cindy Pekarek said they have a 14-ft fishing boat with trailer for sale (~\$700).

Joe reported that last week the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted to bring The Americas Cup to the Bay. The race will feature 72-ft hard-winged catamarans. Qualifying races will be held on smaller boats next year.

Don Hare just returned from an air & asphalt cruise to Albuquerque NM where he watched the balloon races.

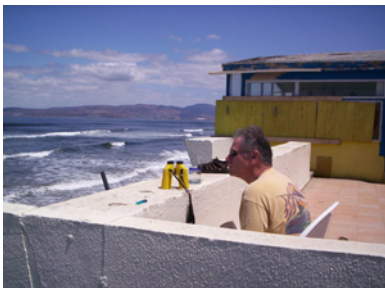
The raffle is postponed until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:12.

Classifieds

Dreaming of a Beach Get-Away? Here is your opportunity!

This is a two bedroom/two bath house on the beach in a quiet neighborhood. Take your coffee to the beach-side patio that overlooks the ocean, where you can sit while watching the dolphins play in the surf and the sun setting over the horizon.



Safely tucked away on the coast of South Ensenada is a wonderful gated ranch community called Corona Beach. The house sleeps 8+; a queen bed in the master bedroom, bunk beds in the second bedroom, a Murphy bed in the living room, along with two futons. There is a full kitchen, dining room seating for 6 and two full baths. \$75/night or \$500 per week, plus a \$300 deposit refunded after keys are returned and house inspected for damages.

The neighbors are mostly from the U.S. and everyone speaks English. The management of the park is very friendly and helpful. 24 hour security is provided. No motorcycles allowed in the park. The famous “La Bufadora” blow hole is 30 minutes away.

*****There is an additional \$20 per night parking and security fee you will be responsible for paying directly to the management of the park.**

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Classifieds (cont)

Crealock-designed 1970 Ericson 26 (Hull 184) w/ twin axle trailer (electric brakes, spare tire). Low hour 8 hp Yamaha long shaft outboard with cockpit remote control and key start, depth sounder, compass. Upholstery in great shape, V-berth, vanity sink, portable head, galley sink, camp stove, icebox, saloon table, ship's bell, and quarter-berth (sleeps five), 12v electric system for key start motor, cabin lights, running lights and instrument lights. Has 25 gallon water tank (not plumbed). Comes with safety gear, three sails (main, 130 genoa and small jib with covers for main and genoa), swim ladder, Bruce bow anchor with 150' rode, Danforth anchor with 150' rode, Sevylor inflatable dinghy with oars. Asking \$5500 contact ken@wingandwing.net or call 530-478-5865.



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