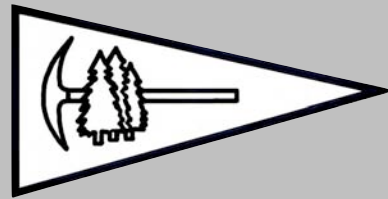


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Commodore's Report – Pierre Chatelain

Dear Gold Country Yacht Club Mates,

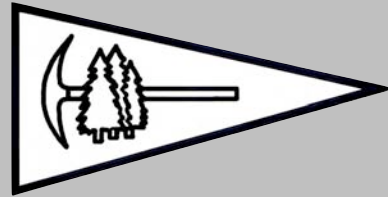
A few key items:

* I have received a list of members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2008. For only \$75/year, GCYC members get to receive reciprocal benefits from Yachts Clubs such as Tahoe, Oakland, Benicia, Corinthian, St. Francis, San Francisco and more. You don't have quarterly minimums or an initiation fee (\$4,000 is common) and you get to enjoy our Club with all these other clubs for just \$75/year. If you sail only once in the Bay or in Tahoe each year, your investment in your local GCYC will provide you with great savings. Go on the GCYC internet (<http://www.nccn.net/~gcyc/>) to get a registration form and send in your contribution for great savings!



GCYC Board of Directors at the April BOD meeting. L to R: Gary Dowd, Tish Buti, Ken Neely, Pierre Chatelain, Scott Muir, Jean Cutshall, David Niedziejko

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Commodore's Report – Continued

* We've got a workday party at the Marina on April 5th starting at 9:00am. Please come by and lend your helping hands to make our Clubhouse and Jr. Sailing Program a gem in our community.

* April 6th is the first Club Race of the season. If you are interested in learning and improving your racing tactics, there is no better place to practice than on your local Scotts Flat Lake. You will not experience 4 foot-waves with currents. SFL is a great, safe learning environment. We hope to see you on the Lake. If you don't have a boat, come at around 11:00am and you will get on a boat.

* Kenn Neely, our Cruise Director, will present a 35 minute video on his trip to the Sea of Cortez at the next General Meeting on April 9th. The presentation starts at 6:45pm. The General Meeting will start at 7:20pm that evening.

* Thank you for your contributions to our local Yacht Club, without you, our Club would be half of what it is.

Sincerely, Pierre

Secretary's Report – Tish Buti

General Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2008

Called to order at Larry & Lena's Pizza at 7:05 PM

Commodore Chatelain made some introductions.

Officer Reports:

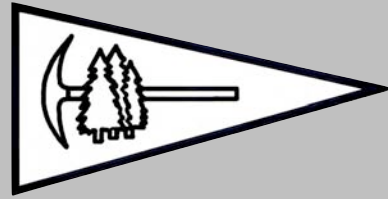
Commodore – Pierre Chatelain: Reported visiting the St. Francis Yacht Club and made a burgee exchange. There was also an exchange done by David Niedziejko at the Oakland Yacht Club.

Membership & Publicity – Beth Buti: Did an interview for newsletter and will continue to do them each month. She's also been busy lining up publicity for the Regatta. She has had several inquiries about stickers for cars and boats and is working on getting some bids.

Secretary – Tish Buti: Received a correction to the minutes published in the newsletter. Lynn did not sell a Sunfish, but a Super Sunfish sail and wasn't really sold. Gave it to the guy for the shipping only. Motion was made by Janis Johnson to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Nicki Talman. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer – Jean Cutshall: Reported bank balance. To bring us into compliance with our new bylaws, need a motion to change the signers on the bank account to Commodore Pierre Chatelain, Vice

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

Commodore Gary Dowd and Treasurer Jean Cutshall. Motion made by Wayne Buti, seconded by Susan Murphy. Passed unanimously.

Vice Commodore – Gary Dowd: We have a great tee shirt design from Susan Murphy for our Regatta this year. We still have lots of jobs open where we need help for the Regatta. Please sign up wherever you can. The notice of Race and press releases are ready to go out.

Port Captain – David Niedziejko: No report. Wanted to remind everyone about the Club Workday at the Lake on April 5 from 9 AM – 5 PM.

Newsletter – Scott Muir: Thanks for the articles. We'll try and get the snail-mail copies out in a more timely fashion.

Race Chairman – Jerry Lewis: First race is scheduled for April 6 – Pierre offered to do Race Committee.

Sailing Education Chairman – Lynn Buchanan: No report.

Cruising Chairman – Ken Neely: This month Bay cruise will be on March 22 on a Beneteau 42' center cockpit. Also, he has 1 cabin left for a charter to the British Virgin Islands this June. Please contact him if you are interested. He is working on putting together an international cruise for 2009. There will be a questionnaire forthcoming.

Old Business: None

New Business: Opening Day on the Lake is scheduled for May 4th. NID is also going to make this a “no motors on the Lake” Day and has asked if we are interested in participating by giving rides, etc. Motion was made by Beth Buti to participate in conjunction with NID's event for Opening Day. Motion seconded by David Niedziejko. Passed unanimously. There is no financial responsibility other than whatever we want to do.

Announcements: Other Clubs Race events – Camellia Cup and Konocti Cup.

Meeting was adjourned 7:45 PM.

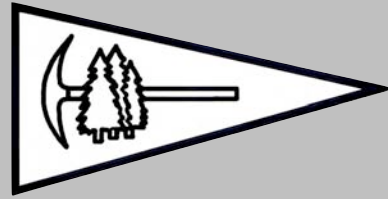
Board of Directors Meeting - April 1, 2008

Called to Order at the Cutshall Home at 6:45 P.M. by Commodore, Pierre Chatelaine.

Present: Pierre Chatelain, Tish Buti, Dave Niedziejko, Gary Dowd, Ken Neely, Jean Cutshall, Scott Muir

Absent: Jerry Lewis, Beth Buti, Lynn Buchanan

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

Officer Reports:

Commodore – Pierre Chatelain: We have a Work Day scheduled for April 5; first race for April 6th, Meeting for April 9th and Opening Day at the Lake for May 4. Articles due to Scott ASAP.

Newsletter – Scott Muir: Would like all articles by April 4.

Treasurer – Jean Cutshall: Gave bank balance and an update on memberships – 34 families paid so far this year. There are some very old checks that she will void and re-issue if necessary. She will turn in the US Sailing memberships as soon as possible. There was a motion made by Scott Muir to donate \$200 to RBOC; 2nd by Dave Niedziejko; unanimously passed. We will also pay for the mooring ball for the barge in full.

Secretary - Tish Buti: Distributed mail that was received. Found out that the application for the 4th of July Parade must be picked up at the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce.

Port Captain - David Niedziejko: Nothing to report. Projects for this weekend might include getting an announcement board set up on the fence.

Cruising Chairman – Ken Neely: Ken reported on a successful club cruise on the Bay on March 22nd aboard a 42"Beneteau center cockpit. He will do a video at the next meeting on sailing in the Sea of Cortez. That will set the stage for a survey he will pass out for the International cruise he is organizing for next year.

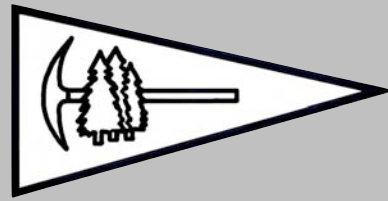
Vice-Commodore - Gary Dowd: Still needs more help for the BBQ and a couple of other spots. Tish converted the Regatta form to a WORD document and once Gary gives the final stamp of approval we will get mailed and emailed ASAP. Gary brought the poster to be used-looks great! Jean will work with Susan Murphy for the tee shirts. Jean handed out the sponsorship contact sheets.

New Business:

Opening Day on the Lake - Pierre Chatelain: Will be in conjunction with the "No Motors Day" sponsored by NID. Tish will check to see what NID will need from us for advertising, etc. We will set up information booth and maybe have some videos playing, offer sailboat rides and possibly have hot dogs and chips available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

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Membership & Publicity – Beth Buti

Ahoy Mateys! This month there are no new members to interview (as far as I know of). So I have decided to interview some seasoned members. Please read on to learn more about Tish and Wayne Buti, who are very active members in the club. (Both are past Commodores as well as many other positions).

Name: Wayne & Tish Buti

Family: 2 grown kids: daughter Jennifer, married to Lance, one granddaughter, Emily age 6, son, Christopher, married to Beth, 2 grand kids: Kate, age 4, Trevor age 2. Lots and lots of extended family.

Type of Boat: Assorted – presently own a Catalina 22, runabout ski boat, Sunfish and dinghy. Have owned everything from a Venture 21 to a 37 ft. Irwin.

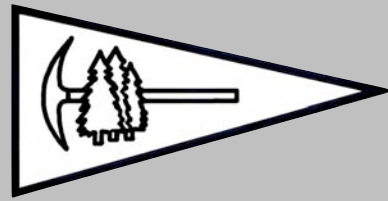
Reason for Joining: Really just wanted to be around other people who enjoyed sailing and wanted to do more sailing ourselves.

Racing Background: Originally raced together one time and decided that might not be such a good plan so went to cruising only. Then Lynn Buchanan asked Tish to crew for a race or two on her Catalina 22. Tish's first "big" race with Lynn was at Whiskeytown where, on the first tack, the mainsheet blew apart. Tish is pretty handy with pliers and a screwdriver and was able to jerry-rig it and get back in the race. After that, it was a couple of nationals for the girls. When the boys decided they didn't want to just be the dock crew anymore Wayne bought a Catalina 22 to come out and play with Dale Buchanan as crew. Wayne's ultimate goal is to beat Lynn & Tish.

Cruising Background: Got started in sailing by being crew for good friends Tim & Carol Erskine aboard a 42 ft. ketch in St. Maarten. Spent 2 weeks sailing around to St. Barts, Anguilla and St. Maarten. Tish had grown up on motorboats and Wayne & Tish had owned one or two ski boats, but never a sailboat. After that first trip, they decided that they wanted to learn to sail and charter on their own. The following summer they were certified as Skipper (Wayne) and First Mate (Tish). Since then there have been 4 other charter trips to the BVI, numerous trips to Catalina from San Pedro on their own boats as well as a couple of cruises up north. Local cruises include Wayne coming up the coast as well as any number of cruises on the Bay and local lakes.

Other interests, hobbies, things you'd like to share: Almost anything out of doors! Tish loves to garden, golf and ski. Wayne loves to golf and ski. Traveling is something they both enjoy and they enjoy it most with family still in town.

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Newsletter Editor - Scott Muir

Please note in the “Upcoming Events” that the cruise on the bay with Ken Neely has been rescheduled to Sunday, 4/20. This is due to some members requesting a Sunday cruise day, as it seems several folks had conflicting events on Saturday. This date does conflict with one of our club races. A positive way to look at this is that there’s something for everybody that day.

On Saturday 3/29 I carpooled down to Richmond with Ken, Janis, and David N. We met eight (or so) other folks and went sailing on “Galen”, a Beneteau 42 which is part of the Tradewinds Sailing Club charter fleet. Early in the day we had no wind, but later, after we had motored out under the Golden Gate, we had some nice breeze for a bit. We all enjoyed views of the bridge, Alcatraz and city front while relaxing in the very comfortable cockpit and on the spacious decks. Many of us were hoping for a touch more wind, but there was plenty of sunshine and good company to compensate for the light breeze.

Finally, my daughter has some thoughts about her sailing experiences. Her first sailing trip was on a small dinghy when she was about 5 years old:

“My name is Willow and I am 10 years old. I love to sail and have been sailing several times. The first time I can remember was at Pinecrest Lake. I thought that I was going to be whacked in the head with the boom. But now I love it. I like the motion of it.”

I like sailing too. In fact, we’re off for another sail down on the bay this weekend. Looks to be plenty of breeze this time. I guess I’d better call this article done and start packing my sailing kit. See you out there.

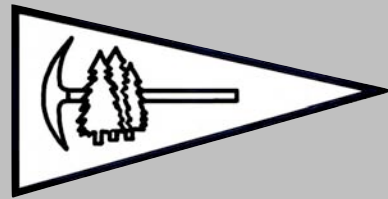
Lazy Boy Musings - A. Bark O’Lounger

This month’s book is one of those take-alongs. You know one of the books you take along when you go to the Laundromat, or read at the 10 minute oil and lube, or sit with while sitting with the napping grandchild, or stand with while standing in line at the airport, or lie down with before you take your afternoon nap, or But I digress....

Each chapter of Great Adventure Stories against the Sea, by Chapman is actually a reprint of an article from a boating magazine. The editor picked from a wide range of topics including an article on the Fastnet disaster by Ted Turner, a survival story from a couple adrift in the Pacific, the “School of Hard Knocks” training program with the Canadian Coast Guard, and many more. You can pick an article to read that fits your mood at the time. If you are not a moody person then I guess you will have to use the “eeny-meanny-miney-mo” method. Which ever way you go you will probably enjoy most of the articles.

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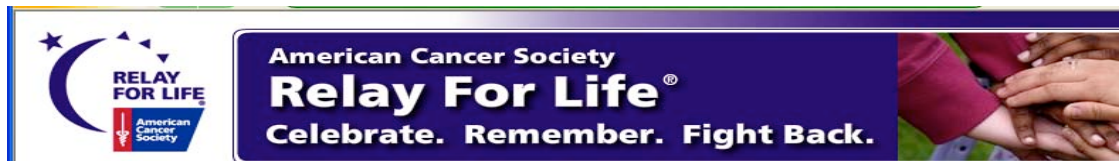


Relay for Life – Tish Buti

Hey all you GCYC members! For the first time ever, the Nevada County Relay for Life is not in conflict with our Regatta. This year it will be held on May 31st and June 1st at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. It is a 24 hour event to raise funds for the American Cancer Society in our community.

If you normally contribute to this event, would you please consider donating to the team I belong to – the CITY SLICKERS? A group of us at Grass Valley City Hall wanted to do this and of course I got involved. I had contributed for many years, but this time I am a Co-Leader. You can even make your contributions online at www.events.cancer.org/rflnevadacountyca and click on DONATE. Then enter my name (Tish Buti). Or join our team.

Cancer touches all of our lives at one time or another. I will walk to remember my sister-in-law, my brother-in-law and my mom. I will also walk to celebrate friends that are battling and winning their fight with this dread disease. I want to be part of the battle to fight back in my community. Will you help me? There are also Luminarias you can purchase that are lighted after the sun goes down. Check them out on the website or give me a call and I'll fill you in. Thanks for your consideration. –Tish Buti 273-7819



Items for Sale

Selling Catalina 22 Mainsail and Genoa kit from Sailrite. Genoa is 80% done and all the parts and instructions are there for both sails. My cost was \$735.00 plus shipping for both sails. Will sell both sails together at 50% my cost or OBO for individual sails. Call Lynn at 530-470-0511.

Upcoming Events

April

- 5 - Workday-SFL
- 6 - Spring Race #1 - SFL
- 9 - General Meeting - Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor 6:45PM
- 12 -13 - Camellia Cup - Folsom Lake
- 20 - Spring Race #2 - SFL
- 20 - Cruise on SF Bay - \$50@
- 26 - Konocti Cup
- 29 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

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