

...a little dinghy

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From The Commodore

The fall leaves are coming and winter preparation has begun. This month we stowed the gear away at the clubhouse and cleared the area around the dinghy dock. It seems like over the last ten years both weathering and shrubs have taken a toll on the entrance to the dinghy dock. The large bush on the left and the right have been trimmed as well as the overhead tree near the entrance. Special thanks to Bryant, who brought the chainsaws, Hugh Talman, and my dad who spent the morning working at the clubhouse and clearing the trees.

The next club project on deck is forming and pouring concrete stairs to go down to the dinghy dock. The older stairs which were set in place nearly ten years ago have been weathered and are falling apart. The new stairs will make it easier to walk down to the lake without slipping. The concrete will also be a nice addition with the new dock. Feel free to contact our Port Captain if you want to give him a hand with the forms or pouring concrete. We hope to have this project done by the end of fall.



Wayne, Bryant, Hugh and Buzz planning the stair forms for the dinghy dock

Unfortunately, we could not stick with the 10th. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the next meeting if you would like to be part of the preparation committee.

Please remember that our next meeting will be held at Alta Sierra Pizza, formerly known as Larry and Lena's Pizza, on October 12th.

Commodore Chris Buti
s/v Nauti 1, Catalina 22

Our end of the year club Christmas Party is just around the corner. We had originally set a date for December 10th on the club calendar however the Board of Realtors space is not available. Instead of moving the Christmas Party location we have opted to keep the location but change the date. **The date of the Christmas Party will be December 3rd.** Over the years the club party has been on the first weekend of December however, last year was the first year which we changed the date to the 2nd weekend.

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September 2011 General Meeting

Commodore Chris Buti called the meeting to order at 19:15. He encouraged members to follow and communicate about the Americas Cup events that will be coming up. GCYC has a Facebook page which is a good way to get the word out about AC and yacht club news.

Dudley Gaman is working on redesigning GCYC's web page, so that will be launched soon. He's including history of the lake and club and would like post pictures of board members. He is working out some glitches with the site for Internet Explorer browser.

Don Hare has sent out the NOR for next year's Catalina 22 Nationals, which will immediately follow our regatta. Club members should plan on being involved with hosting both events.

Jean Cutshall (Treasurer): The club is doing well financially, thanks in part to new members who signed up for youth sailing classes.

Bryant Cockcroft (Port Captain): He talked to Peggy at NID about building some concrete steps to the dinghy dock. The steps must be above the high water mark. He replaced the broken faucet in the clubhouse galley. The fall clubhouse cleanup is scheduled for 9/24 at 9am; bring tools.

Janis Johnson (Secretary): She had a draft copy of the membership roster for review and passed out CPR/First Aid cards to those who took the class. The club received an invitation to Bay View Boat Club's 50th anniversary celebration on October 8 (1pm to midnight).

Melinda Day (Membership/Publicity) The club is up to ~70 memberships. Joe and Jackie are in this month's Latitude 38. She introduced guests in attendance:

- Brad and Vicki Martin. They started sailing about 10 years ago and have a McGregor 21. They would like to trailer it to Tahoe sometime.
- Stewart and Stephanie Perry: He sailed at SFSU then at Lake Tahoe. They now sail on an O'Day 23 on Scotts Flat Lake.

Stewart Nielsen (Education Director): This year the club held 3 classes with a total of 38 students. There has been interest in an intermediate class which will need bigger boats (ones with foresails).

Joe Day (past Commodore): The Linds are selling their Catalina 22 for \$2000. It's in good shape; contact Joe if you want more information.

Doug Epperson (Cruise Chairman): He tried to get a delta trip together over Labor Day weekend, but got no takers. He recounted his experiences from the San Juan Islands trip. It started out great then his motor died and the weather picked up, shredding his jib. The trip ended early due to bad weather.

Announcements and New Business

Hugh Talman reminded members that Ray Woods (one of the founding members) said Jr sailing program is the heart of the club. Hugh was at Half Moon Bay YC and was impressed with the number of young sailors sailing out in the harbor.

Chris said past commodores will be getting together soon to nominate new board members. He'd like people to start thinking about creating a new logo for next year's regatta.



General meeting minutes continued...

Marilyn Webb brought a burgee from Prince Rupert Sailing and Rowing Club in Alaska.

Ken Neely reported that *America* is currently at Golden Gate Yacht Club and *USA 76* is at KKMI getting ready to go to Pier 39, where people will be able to take charters on her.

Bruce Cutshall reminded people that AC info is available on the Americas Cup website and lots of videos are on YouTube. The AC 45s will be in San Diego soon.

Cindy and Paul Pekarek will be using their Tradewinds gift certificate for a sail on the Bay soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:18.

Janis Johnson
Club Secretary
Kuani, Cascade 42

Melinda's Membership Memo

Sadly, we had our last lake meeting, of the season, at the club house on Sept. 14. I sure enjoy those summer evening BBQs and catching up with everyone while watching the sun set on Scotts Flat.

We had two new families sign on in Sept. Beginning with, Brad and Vicki Martin who drove up from Auburn to attend the meeting. They have a 1984 MacGregor 21 named Kee Seas. They are interested in helping with club events and enjoy snow skiing, welding and gardening. Vicki told me she saw our GCYC sign at the lake and heard only good things about our club and members.

Next, we have new members Stewart and Stephanie Perry of the Auburn area also. Their boat is Second Wind a 1979 O'Day 23 moored on Scotts Flat. Other than sailing the Perrys enjoy golf and wine making. They heard about GCYC from Joe Day and Jerry Cirino while sailing aboard Daydreams in the SF Bay. Join me in welcoming these new members aboard.

I announced at the Sept. meeting, I was going to swim dock to dock across the lake the next morning. I DID IT in just under one hour. I gave it another go one week later and shaved 5 minutes of my time. Both times the lake was like glass and a perfect temperature! Thanks to my support crew, Joe Day. Look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on Oct. 12 at Alta Sierra Pizza Parlor.

Melinda Solis-Day
Publicity & Membership
s/v Daydreams Pearson 385
s/v Mental Floss, Catalina 22

Events on the horizon

October

8-9 - Fleet Week – SF Bay
12 - General Meeting-Alta Sierra Pizza & Grill
(Nominations for 2012)
25 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

November

9 - General Meeting-Alta Sierra Pizza & Grill
(Elections)
22 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

Club Notices

Free Sailing Magazines

[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.

Club Meetings

The October general meeting will be held at Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse on Wednesday the 12th, dine from 6pm, Commodore's bell at 7pm to start the meeting.

(The club meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month but December and on the 1st Wednesday of the month of the Gold Country Regatta.)

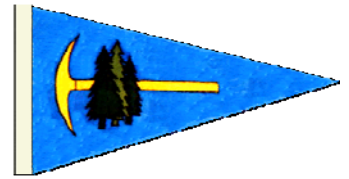
Nautical Trivia



A painter is a short rope used to lash objects to the deck

True or False?

answer: page 7



Fair Winds and Following Seas for Valhalla

by Katie Wight

With Valhalla, our 34' Erikson packed with her bounty of provisions, we began our voyage out the gate headed for Monterey. We (Don and Katie Wight) left with our crew, Hugh and Nicki Talman, on August 29, 2011 at 6:30 a.m. in accordance with the tide at the Golden Gate.

First stop, Half Moon Bay. The morning air was cool as we headed for the Golden Gate. The top of towers of the bridge were socked in fog. Out the gate the water was confused, as usual. Acclimating to the sea state took its time and its toll. After heading south, the sea settled down and with full sails, in mild wind, we let the sailing begin. We had planned to anchor at Half Moon Bay, but during this leg of the trip, it became evident that we needed to get a slip. Due to some plumbing issues we ended up having one heck of a POTTY on the dock (no typo).



Day #2 we headed to Santa Cruz. The sea was gentle as we motored until we finally caught a light wind of 7 to 14 knots. The sun came out and we sailed with a full main and spinnaker on a beam reach for a nice run a mile off our beautiful California coast. We tied up at the guest dock and as predicted, during the night a SW swell arrived in Santa Cruz from New Zealand. While having coffee, we watched in amazement as 6'-8' waves were breaking at the channel entrance. With the advice of the Harbor Patrol we left a day early as conditions were worsening. We studied the wave sets and made our run through the channel entrance. It was quite a rush!

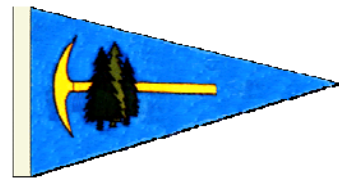
Day #3 our destination was Monterey. We had nice conditions with wind no more than 21 knots and a long period SW swell of 7' to 10'. With no particular course in mind, we spent the day sailing the bay toward Monterey. We spent two more full days here; One day relaxing and sightseeing and another spectacular day of sailing the bay!



We saw jelly fish, otters, and had a nice view of a whale breaching and splashing down as he headed south. It's amazing that only about 100nm down our coast from the Golden Gate, the subtle difference you can see and feel in the scenery and climate. Monterey Bay is a beautiful bay to say the least.

Day #6 we got an early start leaving Monterey and headed north back to Half Moon Bay. A calm following sea with a SW swell gave us a smooth ride all the way. We made record time up the coast and anchored for the night. If "bashing" up the coast was always like this, everyone would do it!

Day #7, It was Labor Day weekend and Half Moon Bay Yacht Club had a sail in Luau/Beach Party. Dressed in our Hawaiian attire, the water taxi picked us up and we were off to the party! Their buffet dinner consisted of shrimp cocktail, roasted pig, chicken and tons of



fresh pineapple and assorted fruit. The presentation was not only spectacular, but really delicious. Outside after dinner, there was a bon fire on the beach. Tables were moved making a huge dance floor and the music and dancing began. Hats off to Half Moon Bay Yacht Club for throwing a blast of a party! Many yacht clubs were there with almost 200 people in attendance.

Day #8, we motor sailed toward San Francisco and again today we had calm seas with the same swell pushing us home. With the Golden Gate in the distant view, the sun came out and a nice NW wind of 13 to 15 knots came up. We turned off the motor and put out a full head sail and pointed Valhalla to the center of the bridge. We were sailing north UP the coast of California with the Golden Gate beaming in the sunlight in all her glory! With the help of the flooding tide and in full sails, we sailed her under the bridge at 7.5 knots. The sky was clear and it was warm as we sailed the city front back toward Alameda.



This was Valhalla's second voyage out the Gate and is, absolutely, another FANTASTIC trip that we will never forget!

Katie Wight
s/v Valhalla, Erickson 34

A Surprise Acrobatic Performance from Rigging by Jean Cutshall

Bruce and Jean Cutshall, with Don and Katie Wight experienced a magnificent acrobatic show at [Encinal Yacht Club](#). Here are pictures of a French couple performing acrobatics in the rigging of their boat. They have been sailing the world with their 2 kids since 2004. (photos courtesy of Jean Cutshall)



[From Latitude 38](#), "French sailors [Delphine Lechiffart and Franck Rabilier](#). For the past several years they've been financing their around the world cruise aboard La Loupiote (with their two beautiful daughters, Ondja, Loéva, along as crew) by passing the hat after performing 'high-wire' acts at marinas, yacht clubs and various public venues."



Club Racing – 2011 Summer Series

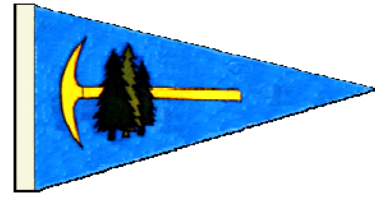
Following are the results of the Summer Race Series, and the overall series can be found on the [GCYC Website](#).

Check out the highlight videos of the America's Cup World Series on YouTube, [highlights from Plymouth, England](#).

Summer 2011 Standings

2011 Summer Series Standings					Jun26 Sun			Jul9 Sat			Jul25 Sun			Aug6 Sat			Aug14 Sun			SUMMER TOTAL
SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	BOAT	PHRF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
155	Lewis	CP22	Kudzu	207	5	6	6	5	4	5	three	4	four				9	9	9	62
1159	Gicker	L14	L14-1159	268	6	5	5	4	5	4							8	7	1	45
11926	Cockcroft	C22	Frayed Knot	276	3	3	3	3	two	two	two	two	two	3	3	3	6	2	5	34
50	Cowell	V21	David's V21	246	2	1	1	2	3	3							4	4	7	27
509	Hufnagel	Merc18	Hufnagel	294													7	8	8	23
11994	Buchanan	C22	Sailynn	276	4	4	4										3	6	1	22
15134	Day	C22	Mental Floss	276										1	2	2	5	3	6	19
9354	Birmbaum	C22	Miss B-Haven	276				one	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	one	2	5	4	19
5998	Hare	C22	no name	276							4	3	3							10
141	CP16	CP16	? Capri 16	250	1	2	2													5
3	jr sailor ??	Sunfish	Sunfish 3	268													1	1	1	3

*Count top 2/3 of scores (10 out of 15)
Throwouts shown as text*



Classifieds

FOR SALE 1977 Newport 28



209-712-3881
\$9,500.00 or B.O.

Interior:

- *VHF Radio
- *Stereo/CD w/cockpit speakers
- *Pressure water
- *Rewired by Mariner boat yard 2004
- *12V, Blue Sea electrical panel w/breakers,
1 start battery, 2 6V deep cycle
- *Heart Interface 2000 watt inverter/100 amp 3 stage charger
Freedom 458 Series
- *LMS 160 Lowrance chart plotter/fish finder
- *New cushions 2004
- *NEW Port Potty
- *Beckson windows 2008

Exterior:

- *Atomic 4 w/1082 hours
- *2 blade prop
- *Starboard side galley
- *Harken roller furling MK III w/Hood Vectron 115%
- *North Nordac full-batten main, loose footed
- *Harken cars on battens
- *Garhauer rigid boom vang
- *Garhauer mainsheet
- *All lines led aft to cockpit
- *Lewmar 10 mainsheet winch
- *Spinlock rope clutches for all lines led aft
- *Harken traveler w/4:1 purchase
- *Re-bedded stanchions and backing on forward lowers
- *Off-shore dodger
- *Gemini compass
- *Tiller
- *Oversized rigging 2004
- *Harken traveler
- *Split backstay
- *Inside jib tracks
- *Fold down swim ladder
- *25 gallon fuel tank
- *6:1 purchase outhaul
- *Lewmar 2 speed 40's

Classifieds, continued...

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Trivia Answer:

False - It's a short rope attached to the front of a dinghy, usually permanently attached.

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Dreaming of a Beach Get-away to Mexico?

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.