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From Your Commodore

Ahoy Crew,

Wow was that quick or what! In what seems like the blink of an eye we're one decade into the new millenium. It has been a great year for the Gold Country Yacht Club. We made a lot of memories this year from sending our thanks to Peggy Davidson and Nevada Irrigation Distict, to record warm temperatures for bay sailing in January, to a great Sail Expo and winning the Yacht Club Challenge, to one of the best Go for the Gold Regatta's ever, to Bismarck's victory, to making the pages of Latitude 38 and trying to have the most fun possible with wind and water. That's just to name a few, and then we wrapped it all up with a great Christmas party and awards celebration. Sounds like a primer for 2010.

This year should be second to none with a couple of new faces on the board. Janis Johnson is coming on board as Secretary. My first mate Melinda will be Membership and Publicity Director, Ken Neely will be Newsletter Editor and Don Hare will be Instructional Director. The club welcomes back Jerry Lewis as Race Director and the rest of us: Chris Buti as Vice Commodore, Jean Cutshall as Treasurer, David Niedziejko as Port Captain and yours truly as Commodore, returning for another season. After coming off a great 2009 season we're already working on making 2010 even better. We had record numbers turn out for the Regatta and our Junior Sailing program, as well as good attendance at all of the season's events. Our focus will be on doing an even better job this year. That almost doesn't seem possible but if everyone pitches in we can do it. In a working club our people are our biggest asset and we've got some great crew on board.

Welcome Aboard for 2010!

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Hey crew, we can always just wing it!
Follow me! Let's go sailing!

Fair Winds, Amigos!

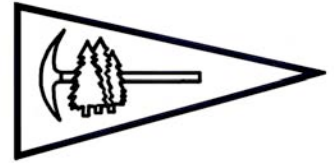
Joe Day, Commodore
Gold Country Yacht Club
S/V Daydreams, Pearson 385
S/V Mental Floss, Catalina 22

NICKI'S NEWS

~Publicity and Membership~

Since there wasn't a newsletter in December, I'm submitting this article as my last one as Publicity and Membership person for 2009. I'm passing the torch to Melinda Day, who I know will do a great job. As Don and Katie Wight are personal friends, I wanted to be the one to introduce them as new members. Here is their story.

Don introduced Katie to sailing about five years ago, sailing his 25' Catalina every season on Lake Tahoe. The summer of 2008, they kept Morning Glory up there all season. It was the best summer ever for Katie and that summer she fell in love with sailing.



▣ NICKI'S NEWS (cont.)

After bringing Morning Glory home, Don announced he was selling the boat! Katie was sad and shocked, but Don had been sailing that lake every season for years and basically had been there...done that. It was time for him to move on to a bigger boat and get down to The Bay. Katie and Don looked for a boat for about a year and finally found the perfect boat. She is a 34' Ericson they call "Valhalla" and she is beautiful! They have had her for about six months and she is harbored in Marina Village on Alameda Island. She has two private staterooms and is the perfect fit for them (for now). "Valhalla feels solid as she sails and we feel she is more than capable of taking us where ever the wind may blow us."



An Ericson 34

Don was a previous member of the Gold Country Yacht Club. He has two adult children, Sadie, 29 and Casey, 25. Casey lives on Alameda Island and sails with them fairly often. Sadie lives in G.V. and makes the trip down to sail as often as she can. Katie has one son, Dalton, who is 16. Dalton is new to sailing, but seems to love it like the rest of the family.

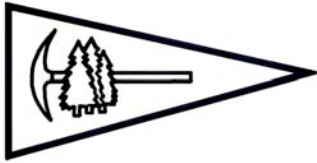
"We love sailing The Bay as everyday is an adventure. The weather, the water and the scenery is different every time we go out."

Hopefully many of you got to meet Don and Katie at the Christmas party. They're fun, friendly people who love sailing – just the kind of members our club needs! I know you'll all join me in welcoming Don and Katie to the Gold Country Yacht Club.

Happy sails to you,
Nicki



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Tentative 2010 calender

* Events with asterick are held at Scott Flat Lake (SFL)

January

- 5 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting
- 13 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor
- 26 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

February

- 10 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor
- 23 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

March

- 10 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor
- 30 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

April

- *3 - **Club Race #1 - SFL**
- 10-11 - Camellia Cup - Folsom Lake
- *11- Workday @ the Clubhouse - SFL (10am)
- 14 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor
- *18 - **Club Race #2 - SFL**
- * - Women's Sailing Clinic-SFL
- * - Junior Racing Clinic-SFL
- 24 - Konocti Cup - Clear Lake (unconfirmed date)
- 24-25 - "No-Motor"/Open House - SFL
- 27 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

May

- *1 - **Club Race #3 - SFL**
- *12 - General Meeting-Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse
- *16 - **Club Race #4 - SFL**
- 18 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting
- *22 - Workday @ the Clubhouse - SFL (10am)
- 29-30 - Whiskeytown Regatta - Whiskeytown Lake

June

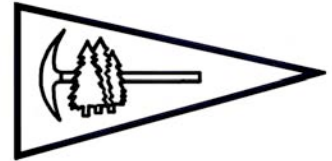
- *2 - General Meeting-Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse
- *5-6 - **GO FOR THE GOLD REGATTA - SFL**
- *9 - Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race - SFL
- *13 - **Club Race #5 - SFL**
- *19 - SFL Cruise/Raft-up - SFL
- *19-20 - Summer Sailstice - Scotts Flat Lake (unconfirmed date)
- *21-25 - Junior Sailing Program-SFL
- *23 - Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race - SFL
- *26 - **Club Race #6 - SFL**
- *27 - Friendship Club Day - Scotts Flat Lake (unconfirmed date)

July

- 4 - 4th of July Parade - Nevada City
- *7 - Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race - SFL
- 9-11 - Trans-Tahoe Weekend- Lake Tahoe (unconfirmed date)
- *10 - **Club Race #7 - SFL**

Please make sure to mark the April 11th work party on your calendar. Let's start the year strong with a clean facility!

The Go For The Gold Regatta falls on the 5th & 6th of June this year. It's never too early to contact Chris and see what needs to be done!



July (cont)

- 10-11- High Sierra Regatta-Centerboard-Huntington Lake
- *14 - General Meeting-Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse
- *17 - SFL Cruise/Raft-up - SFL
- 17-18 - High Sierra Regatta-Keel Boats-Huntington Lake
- *21 - Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race - SFL
- *25 - Club Race #8 - SFL**

August

- *4 - Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race - SFL
- *11 - General Meeting-Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse
- *14 - Club Race #9 - SFL**
- *18 - Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race - SFL
- *21 - SFL Cruise/Raft-up - SFL
- *29 - Club Race 10 - SFL**
- 31 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

September

- *1 - Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race - SFL
- *8 - General Meeting-Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse
- *11 - SFL Cruise/Raft-up - SFL
- *15 - Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race - SFL
- *25 - Workday @ the Clubhouse - SFL (10am)
- 28 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

October

- 9-10 - Fleet Week - SF Bay
- 13 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor (Nominations for 2010)
- 26 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

November

- 10 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor (Elections)
- 23 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

December

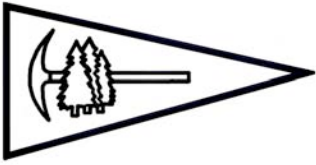
- 12/11 - Christmas /Annual Awards Party-NCBOR

January 2011

- 4 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

Take note of the SFL cruises. Points awarded for participation count towards a perpetual trophy!

All "cruises" result in cruise points for annual "Chester Ramey Cruisers Award"



GCYC Haitian donation

At the January general meeting, it was proposed, moved, seconded and voted unanimously in favor of making a donation in the club's name to a medical aid organization providing relief in Haiti. Martha Turner suggested MSF, the international Doctors Without Borders agency, and the membership in attendance agreed that medical aid would provide the most benefit to those affected by the recent earthquake.

GCYC Christmas Party pictures



A full house

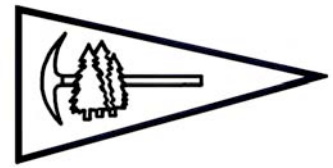


Teresa at the gift ship



Happy set-up crew!

*Watch for a list of
award-winners in the
February edition of
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