

...a little dinghy

Gold Country Yacht Club

Soundings From the Poop-deck

Tish Buti

Special points of interest:

- Top Awards at the Whiskeytown Regatta.
- We are looking for volunteers for the Friendship Club Day.
- The Junior Sailing Program planned for July 14–20.
- Check out the Spring Race Standings.
- Be sure to volunteer to help out at our regatta.

4th of July Paper Boat Race.



Will you be ready?

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Well, spring has finally sprung! It's about time. Nice warm days, gentle evenings... ah, the smell of barbeques, including the Club's! Yes, the guys have been really busy getting our barbeque all squared away and ready for the Regatta. Special thanks to all those helping hands - Doug Epperson, Wayne Buti, Hugh Talman, Jeff Lund, Jeremy Gicker and everyone else who had a hand in getting it done. I was up there a couple of weeks ago before the tile was set and it looked great. Doug even came across a "freebie" sink to set in there. It's so exciting to see all this come together. When I think about how a couple of guys were sitting aboard their boats in Two Harbors in Catalina and trying to figure out how we could have a little open-air clubhouse just a few years ago, I just really have to feel quite proud. They came up with a brainstorm on how to get the funds, got a lot of the materials donated (with a lot of help from the whole club), maneuvered through all the bureaucratic red tape and really made it happen. Kudos to Wayne and Hugh - you really did it, boys!

Well, this past weekend was the Whiskeytown Regatta and our home-boys, the Gicker/t Bennet and Lewis/Paulson teams, came home with the top awards. Congratulations guys! (See Jerry's article) This weekend will be the tune-up race for our Regatta. Our barge committee will practice those sharp signals and our local racers will shake all the cobwebs out. As a side note, our Regatta Chair, Lynn Buchanan, has managed to make the Go For The Gold this year the Regional event for Catalina 22s. We are asking members to please bring an appetizer for the festivities before dinner on Saturday night and don't forget to make those dinner reservations early for the Regatta.

Another special event coming up in June is Friendship Club Day on June 22. There are a lot of different ways you can help with this. Give me a call and let me know if you're available. July 4th we will once again have our on-the-water parade and get together. Have you tested your paper boat design yet? Speaking from experience (I've won the race the last 2 years) you just might want to test-hop those wonderful creations. Otherwise you might find yourself at the bottom of the Lake. A little ballast goes a long way!

Now that the weather has turned nicer, I hope to see more of you out on the water. Our June meeting will have us in our Clubhouse at the Lake for the first time this year. Please come and join us - barbeque should be ready at six,



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Don't forget, this month we will be holding our club meeting in the club house at Scotts Flat Lake. BBQ at 6:00 - meeting at 7:00. First Wednesday evening of the month. This is a Regatta planning meeting.

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meeting at seven. Please bring a salad to share if your last name begins with A through L or a dessert if you last name begins with M through Z. 

Until next month...

Fair winds!

Membership:

Beth Buti

New Members Join Gold Country Yacht Club!!!

Lets give a warm welcome to two new families who have joined our Yacht Club. Read on to find out more about them.

Name: Doug and Kirsten Valentine

Family: Scott is 11 years old, Mark is 9, and Sadie is 7

Type of Boat: 19 foot Quik Step "Froggie Pie"

Reason for Joining: Just bought their boat last summer and want to learn how to sail. Also met lots of nice, helpful people from our club a couple of weeks ago who were so kind as to help them rig their boat!

Other Hobbies: Learning to sail, golfing, bike riding, fly fishing.


Racing Background: Helped out "Jolly Roger" in the last race! They are interested in more racing.

Cruising Background: They are also interested in cruising.

Name: Richard and Catherine Zahm

Family: Talia is 6 1/2 years old

Stay tuned and find out more about this new family in our next newsletter!

Welcome to everyone! We are excited to have you in our club, and look forward to meeting you at our upcoming meetings and events. If anyone else has any information about potential members, contact me!! 

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Don't Forget!

This month's meeting will be held at the Club House @ SFL

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Whiskeytown Regatta:

Jerry Lewis

Two Capri 22s from GCYC trailed the 3.5 hours up to Whiskeytown on a record heat Friday (101 degrees). And after four races averaging 3 hours each, they were separated by only a couple minutes total. A weather front came through on Saturday morning with overcast skies and 85 degrees - perfect lake sailing. Jeremy Gicker and Kent Bennett took the overall Capri 22 championships (pictured receiving Trophy from WSC officer) at the 39th Annual Whiskeytown Regatta over the Memorial Day weekend with 7 points (1 win, three seconds). Jerry Lewis and Rick Paulson were right on their heels in Kudzu with 8 points, winning both races on moderately windy Sunday after a second (in light air) and fourth (in stiff breeze) on Saturday. The two local Whiskeytown racers were surprised with how well the GCYC folks can get their CP22s to go with just two on board - they routinely carry three. The former CP22 National

How To Reach Us:

We welcome letters from our readers. The writer should include his/her name, address and phone number. ...a little dinghy reserves the right to select letters for publication and edit all submissions for length.

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Champion took third.

And the second picture? Well, it seems Rick's new tow vehicle uses more gas than expected going up hill towing a Capri. Once the boat was launched and campsites set up, we all went back to Redding for dinner. Well, at least we started off to do that. But the F150 started coughing and wheezing before the crest of the hill at the lake turnoff..... so, luckily, we coasted down the hill toward Redding. Unfortunately, it was not ALL DOWN-HILL FROM THE LAKE. Fortunately, we had the long launching ropes in the truck bed and Kent and Jeremy were following behind. They towed us the remaining five miles into town!



Jerry

Capri 22 Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 0 Ratings: USPN

1	Capri 22	Capri 22	183	Bennett/Gicker	1	2	2	2	7
2	Capri 22	Capri 22	155	Jerry Lewis	2	4	1	1	8
3	Capri 22	Capri 22	139	Rick Pareno	3	1	3	3	10
4	Capri 22	Capri 22	95	Richard Lang	4	3	4	DNC	16

Spring Series Standings
(4 individual race throwouts allowed, 2 taken to date)

Boat/Skipper	Mar 29 Sat			Apr 13 Sun Re-scheduled			May 10 Sat			May 18 Sun			May 31 Sat			Jun 21 Sat			TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
CP22-183 - Gicker/Bennet	one	two	1				1	1	1	1	1	1							7
Kudzu - Lewis	two	1	2				2	2	2	three	2	2							13
*Brooke - Lund	4	4	3				3	4	3	4	five	six							25
*Jolly Roger - DeGruccio	5	5	4				5	5	six	seven	4	5							33
Sailynn - Buchanan	dns	dns	dns				dns	dns	dns	2	3	3							36
Williwaw - Bringolf	3	2	6				dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns							39
Gold Driver - Karr	dns	dns	dns				4	2	6	dns	dns	dns							40
*Hobie - unknown	dns	dns	dns				dns	dns	dns	5	7	4							44

From the Starting Line!


Jerry Lewis



May is "Racing Month" for GCYC sailors, with races at SFL on May 10th, 18th and 31st. plus the Whiskey-town Regatta over Memorial Weekend. All this leads right into the Gold Country Regatta next week. Those racing all four should be well practiced and ready to keep all that gold in the hills, rather than letting foreigners take our loot and run.

The barge was launched for the May 18th race (it floats!) but without a race committee, we opted for a powerboat and our "12b. alternate starting" sequence where everyone gathers around the line, someone counts down to the 5 minute warning and then beeps a horn. This seems to work well with everyone keeping their own times and the first boat to finish taking times too. This works with the small number of racers we've had to date (only 5 or 6 boats so far). Come on folks, yes, it was a long, wet winter, but the weather's better now, time to get the boat in the water and start rounding the buoys. And if you're at all interested in helping with race committee work, please contact me via email (jerry@editware.com) or mobile phone (305-0533).

A few quick points about the upcoming Gold Country Regatta - three changes from previous years: 1. No throw outs this time, all races count toward totals, 2. Start line will have limit a marker, racers can only be in the 'box' behind the line if it's their starting sequence, 3. Separate start and finish lines (start is orange, finish is yellow; BOTH are restricted - stay clear unless starting or finishing).

Next races after our regatta are June 21st and June 29th (makeup for April 13th date). Then the Summer Series begins on July 13. See the back of your membership card for more. And you can check the website (<http://www.nccn.net/~gcyrc> under RACING) for the complete schedule, dates, RC duties and scores for each completed race - plus standings for the Spring Series championship! 

Hope to see you on the lake,
Jerry

BOD Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2003

Lynn Buchanan



Meeting Called to Order

Present: Tish Buti, Wayne Buti, Chris Buti, Lynn Buchanan, Dale Buchanan, Frank Nin, Jerry Lewis, Nicolette Talman, Jeff Lund, Doug Epperson and Don Wight.

Commodore: Tish Buti reminded everyone to not store your boat in the parking lot at Scotts Flat Lake unless you were paying for one of six reserved spaces. Friendship Day will include the "Angels" of the girls who will be attending. Junior Sailing date has been changed to July 14th to the 20th.

Vice Commodore: G. Frank Nin said dinghy dock is still on mooring ball. Will have a sign-up sheet at tomorrow's general membership meeting for users to help maintain and move the dock when needed.

Secretary: Lynn Buchanan reported GCYC Regatta flyers mailed to participants using compiled list provided by Tish Buti. GCYC members received theirs via the May newsletter. Lynn will prepare a flyer to advertise the Junior Sailing Program and the new dates. Lynn asked Jerry Lewis to update the Junior Sailing website with pictures from last year. Frank Nin has the picture files and Jerry will get them from him and update the website. Lynn reported a Laser sailboat without sail or tiller was donated to the Jr. Sailing program. She will try to get the needed parts donated from another junior sailing program.

Treasurer: Nicolette Talman reported the insurance bills have been paid. Will give a check to SFL for two mooring balls for two months. Lynn Buchanan will deliver the check. Since the Venture 21 is not ready for the mooring ball, the GCYC club mooring ball will be sublet to members only and our Secretary will keep track of the subletting.


Race Chair: Jerry Lewis reported that races held without a race committee worked out OK. He said the notice of sailing instructions for the regatta have been posted on the club's website.

Cruise Chair: Don Wight reports that everyone likes the idea of keeping their own cruising points. He stated that racing does not count towards cruising points.

Port Captain: Doug Epperson gave an update on the BBQ. Grate holders have been cemented in and the counter top cement will need to be framed in before the cement is ordered. There will need to be several more work parties for forming, pouring cement and placing tile and then placement of the grout. There needs to be a work party at the Fellow's house to fiberglass the keel frame Gordon and Jeremy built. Dale Buchanan and Wayne Buti volunteered to help Gordon.

Newsletter Editor: Jeff Lund had no news to report except to try and get articles to him as soon as possible as the next newsletter will be going out a week earlier because of the regatta.

Publicity/Membership: Chris Buti reported for Beth that KNCO, KMVR, The Union, and Latitude 38 were contacted. Latitude 38 responded via e-mail with questions about attending and Lynn Buchanan prepared a reply and will contact them again before the regatta.

Regatta: Most positions have been filled and helpers will be recruited at the next two general membership meetings. Jerry Lewis passed a copy of the program we used last year for scoring the regatta. 

— Meeting Adjourned

General Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2003

Lynn Buchanan



Meeting Called to Order:

Commodore: Tish reported on the BOD meeting held May 13th. She also reminded the membership in attendance to not store their boats in the lake parking lot unless they have paid for long term storage. Overnight storage should be made through the Marina Office and staff. Junior Sailing dates have changed to July 14th through July 20th. Friendship Club Day will be June 22nd and will include the "Angel" sponsors for each girl.

Vice Commodore: Frank said the dinghy dock is limited to mooring ball holders and dinghy size is limited to 10 feet. A sign-up list for dinghy dock duty was posted for users of the dock to share responsibility for re-setting the dock when the water starts to go down.

Secretary: Lynn Thanked Pat Lund for taking the April meeting minutes. Lynn will keep track of subletting one of the GCYC mooring balls until the club's Venture 21 is ready to be launched. Lynn will prepare a flyer for the Junior Sailing Program with the new dates.

Treasurer: Nicki reported the club balance sheet including funds set aside for the club house and junior sailing program. The insurance bill has been paid and there are some outstanding bills for the BBQ construction.

Race Chairman: Jerry reported there were five boats at the last race and they raced without a race committee. Next race is May 18th. Jeff Lund and Don Hare went to Konocti Regatta and Jeff won 3rd place and was presented a trophy by Don Hare.


Port Captain: Doug reported on the BBQ building and there will be a work parties on May 18th, May 24th, and May 31st. The barge will be put in the water on May 18th and may need some cleanup before the regatta.

Newsletter Editor: Jeff reported that the next edition will come out a week earlier due to the special event of the regatta and a earlier general membership meeting he will need all articles no later than May 29th.

Publicity/Membership: Chris reported for Beth that we are getting calls and generating club interest and membership from notices in the Union Newspaper. KNCO will be running public service announcements on our regatta. Everyone like the feature articles on the new members.

Committee Reports: Gordon reports the Venture 21 keel project is ongoing. A inventory of parts needed to make the boat work is being prepared by the Venture 21 Committee. Lynn reported the regatta planning is going well. Reminded club members to bring appetizer to share for the Sat. evening dinner social hour. Nadine Brown will be calling members to remind them also.

Old Business: None

New Business: A Laser sailboat without a sail or tiller has been donated to the Junior Sailing Program per Lynn. Lynn will seek donations of a tiller and sails from other Jr. Sailing Programs. Lynn's 50 (?) something birthday was celebrated with a cake brought by her loving husband Dale. 

Meeting Adjourned

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Entry fee is \$25 for US Sailing members. \$23 Juniors (under 19) \$28 all others.

Gift for each skipper with an early entry for registration. Add \$5 late fee if registration occurs after June 5, 2003.

Campground entrance fees and launching fees are not included.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 7th

- 1000 Skipper's Meeting
- 1100 Race #1 starts
- Race #2 starts (right after race #1)
- Race #3 starts (right after race #2)
- 1800 BBQ, raffle, story-telling

Sunday, June 8th

- 0700 Breakfast
- 1100 Race #4 starts
- Race #5 starts (right after race #4)
- Snacks, scoring & trophies

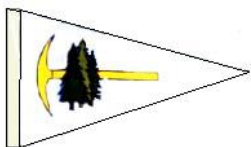
On-site registration at race headquarters in Marina area (2nd Gate) on Friday, June 6th, 5-8 PM and Saturday morning, June 7th 8-10AM. Race packets with written sailing instructions will be distributed at registration check in. There will be three races on Saturday; BBQ, raffle, story-telling and nautical contests starting at 1800 Saturday. Sunday continental breakfast at 0700, two races Sunday, hot dogs & awards presentation soon after the 5th race.

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			Raffle Tickets \$1 ea _____
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- June 2 PICYA Meeting—Bridge Marina YC
- June 4 Club Meeting @ Club House
- June 7-8 GCYC REGATTA—Scotts Flat Lake
- June 14-19 Catalina 22 Nationals—Idaho
- June 21 Race # 6
- June 22 Friendship Club Day
- June 24-29 Junior Sailing Program

- July 4 4th of July Cruise—SFL
- July 7 PICYA Meeting
- July 9 Club Meeting @ Club House
- July 12 High Sierra Race # 1
- July 13 Race # 7
- July 19 High Sierra Race # 2
- July 26 Race # 8

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