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## From The Commodore

The winter months are usually the slow time for our club however there are a few big projects in the planning for this upcoming year: Catalina 22 Nationals and Junior Sailing Program. You will be hearing about both of these items throughout the end of winter, spring and summer.

This past spring 2011 a work party cleared out the old barge and some brush at the clubhouse. This year our club has plans to park 2 or 3 intermediate level boats such as flying juniors, fj or lasers in this area. We are hoping to bring this project to fruition this spring by completing the cleanup at the lower area of the clubhouse and re-rocking. In addition to our novice youth sailing program, we are making a plan to hopefully offer an intermediate youth sailing course this summer. Please check this year's calendar for dates! There will be more details to follow however I have already received a few words about boats which would be great additions to the junior sailing fleet.

Following this year's GCYC Go for the Gold Regatta will be the Catalina 22 National Regatta at Scott's Flat Lake. Don Wight and Tish Buti have been working on plans for the weeklong event which includes dinner at the lake, festivities at the clubhouse, an awards banquet (in town), and four days of racing. If you have any ideas or suggestions about the planning of the events feel free to give us a call or send an email. Below is a schedule of events following the GCYC Regatta:

### Catalina 22 National Regatta Schedule of Events:

Fri. June 8th 1600 – 1900 Go For the Gold Regatta Registration

Sat. June 9th 0800 - 1800 Registration, Measurement

1100 - 1600 Go for the Gold Regatta / Practice Racing

Sun. June 10th 0930 - 1600 National Registration, Measurement

1100 - 1600 Go for the Gold Regatta / Practice Racing

1730 - 1830 National Meeting & Awards

1830 - 2100 Skippers Mtg./Welcome Dinner

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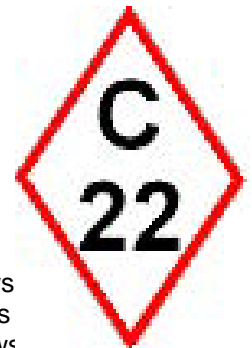
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Thu. June 14th 1100 Genoa Gold & Silver Races /4th Spinnaker follows

1800 Awards/Dinner & Party



If you haven't seen the new GCYC website please check it out at [gcy.net](http://gcy.net). It has the registration form for the National Regatta as well as the Notice of Race. Special thanks to Dudley Gamen for creating the new look for the club!

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Christopher Buti  
s/v Nauti I, Catalina 22

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# January 2012 General Meeting Minutes

Commodore Chris Buti called the meeting to order at 19:00.

The GCYC Board of Directors met last week and put together a draft 2012 event calendar. Some of the highlights include the Go for the Gold Regatta (June 8-10) and the Catalina 22 Nationals (June 11-14). The board will be meeting with Peggy Davidson of NID, so if you have any matters you would like discussed with her, please see him.

If you have any pre-2005 club racing trophies, please let Chris or Jerry Lewis know, as some of that history has been lost.

Janis Johnson (Secretary): Please renew your membership!

Jean Cutshall (Treasurer): She received \$ from sales of T-shirts and hats at the Christmas party. There are still some outstanding bills from the end of 2011 that haven't been paid yet. The club has about \$600 less than it did last year at this time.

Stewart Nielsen (Education): He will be putting together cost analysis for this year's youth sailing classes. He's hoping to schedule 3 classes, one of which will be an intermediate class if we can get some dual sailed boats.

Don Wight (Cruising): He's planning 3 cruises for the year: a spring Bay cruise, a summer Delta cruise and an early fall Catalina Island cruise. Trailered boats will be able to join in all three cruises. He also wants to set up some Scotts Flat Lake raft-ups this summer and will need lake boaters to get involved with those events.

## Announcements

Dave Cowell brought Howard and Donna Hendrich to a recent race in the Delta...but high winds caused the race to be cancelled.

Janis recalled their New Year's Eve sail to Berkeley Yacht Club, buddy boating with the Wights, where everyone had a great time.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:35.

Janis Johnson  
Club Secretary  
s/v Kuani, Cascade 42



## Melinda's Membership Memos

Ahoy! I was sorry to miss the January general meeting. Can't make 'em all, wish I could!

I am really looking forward to 2012 and all the exciting sailing events planned. No Motor Day is scheduled for April 28th. It is early in the season but thankfully the weather has always been nice. I will be working with Peggy from NID to pull this great event together. We have introduced so many curious folks to sailing and the club on No Motor Day. It is definitely the quietest, most peaceful day, on the lake all season. Generally, this day coordinates with Opening Day on the Lake...so, come on out! The club racers will be busy with all the races Jerry has lined up. And, don't forget, in addition to the Go for the Gold regatta, we are hosting the Catalina 22 Nationals.

June will be busy, let's hope the weather is a bit nicer than last year! It seems our new cruise director, Don Wight, has some fun cruises planned. I am sure he will be keeping us posted on all of those upcoming dates.

Welcome aboard new members Dave and Kelly Russo of Grass Valley. They have a 1981 '24 ft. Laguna-Balboa sloop named Glory. In addition to sailing they are interested in classic cars.

Thanks to those organized club members whom already filled out the annual application forms and paid. (Yes, every year it is necessary to complete a Renewal form.) F.Y.I., if paid after April 1, there is a \$10.00 late fee. I will have the laminated cards ready by March and I think I am current on all name badges. If anyone has lost or needs another badge let me know.

Hope to see everyone at our next general meeting, Feb 8th @ Alta Sierra Pizza.



These photos were taken mid Jan. aboard our friends (and former club member) Joe Weathers beautiful sleek Sea Wind 1000 Catamaran. We flew up the estuary and across the bay with light winds and sunny skies. What a treat!

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

## 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 February general meeting will be held at Alta Sierra Pizza Parlor on Wednesday the 8th, dine from 6pm, Commodore's bell at 7pm to start the meeting.

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

## Nautical Trivia



The person steering the boat is considered the skipper.

True or False?

answer: page 5



## Catalina 22 National Regatta...Don Hare, Catalina 22 Fleet Commodore

Hello to all,

The National Regatta is not that far off. Plans and preparations must be made for all who are planning to attend this year's event. Reservations for hotels or campsites should be made now. Make sure to mention that you will be attending the Regatta, and the Scotts Flat Lake management will try and place you in a suitable spot for the week.

There are pictures and information about the Gold Country Yacht Club and Scotts Flat Lake on our website at [www.gcyc.net](http://www.gcyc.net). The Notice of Race for the Catalina 22 Nationals can be found at <http://www.nccn.net/~gcyc/gcyc-race.html>.

Check us out if you need a little persuasion to make the trip. I've already received emails from sailors in Alaska and Georgia who are planning to come to the Regatta! That gives me a great feeling to have people from both sides of the country planning on attending. Won't you come too? If you need help with logistics, or storing a boat, or some other challenge, give me a call. I will try and help you, as I am able.

Hope to see you in June,

Don Hare  
m. 916 201 9012  
s/v No Cat Hare, Catalina 22

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## Events on the horizon

### **February**

8– General Meeting-Alta Sierra Pizza & Grill

### **March**

14– General Meeting-Alta Sierra Pizza & Grill

## Classifieds

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#### Trivia Answer:

The correct answer is  
"False."

The person steering the boat is the helmsman. The skipper is the person responsible for the boat. The helmsman can be any person on the boat whether assigned by the skipper or the skipper himself.

#### Like new Catalina 22

A great family boat, this Catalina 22 (2004) is easy to sail: stove, potty, 4 sleeping births and a large cockpit. It comes with trailer and all equipment. Boat is currently at Folsom Lake. Asking \$13,000. Call Linda at 916-966-4482.

#### 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.

**FREE: LIFESLING** Overboard Rescue System. Used condition and may need minor repairs but still serviceable.

**WANT TO BORROW:** Any boat jacks, cradle, or frame suitable for a 21 foot sailboat. The boat only weighs 1200 lbs and needs to have the keel removed.

Dave Cowell - 530-272-3209