

Gold Country Yacht Club

... a little dinghy

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Special Points Of Interest

- Meet new members
Bill & Pat Andrews
- New rules for Catalina
22's
- Racing starts this month
- Sail Training Program



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Soundings From The Poop-deck Commodore Tish Buti



I'm on vacation, so this will be short and sweet. Don't forget to renew your membership by March 31 so you can avoid the \$10.00 initiation fee. I will be back in time to see you at this month's meeting on Wednesday February 11th at Larry and Lena's Pizza Parlor in Alta Sierra.

Loose Lips:



The clubhouse work party was at it again this month and the storage building is finished with new doors and shelves. The last thing to do is put a little paint on the outside and then it will be looking pretty! Below is a picture of Hugh Talman, Wayne Buti and Doug Epperson doing the honors of getting ready to lock the building doors for the first time.



Wayne, Doug and Hugh

I told you she would do it and she did! Lynn Buchanan recently passed her Principles in Real Estate course in record time and has applied to the State of California Department of Real Estate to sit for the licensee exam. She is cramming daily for the final grueling exam. Joe Day and his father have weathered 25 days in Mexico to get the Day's boat on a boat trailer and then onto the low bed

trailer. Then it was another 5 days up the very narrow roads of Baja and on to Nevada City, CA. They made it home on Sunday February 29th. The Day's boat was damaged in a hurricane in Mexico and his insurance company refused his claim. The boat will be restored in Nevada City and then the Day family will return to their sailing adventure. Joe promises to write a feature article for Latitude 38, and do an interview for our prestigious newsletter. Hugh Talman delivered the Sioux White memorial bird-bath (pictured below) to Hennesy School, to remember our passed member and Hennesy School teacher's aide. Hugh was told the memorial would be placed in their courtyard and anchored in the ground by the schools janitor. We miss you Sioux.



FYI, the Catalina 30 National Sailing Association's 30th Anniversary Regatta will be held on SF Bay on October 1st through the 3rd. C30 Fleet 1 with South Beach Yacht Club will be this year's host. Maybe some of our club's C30 owners will be there and represent the Gold Country Yacht Club on a grand scale. Speaking of SF Bay, the Lund's were spotted at the launch ramp on Alameda Island at Grand Avenue putting in their San Juan 26 during President's Day weekend. They told my spy's their cruise destination was the Corinthian Yacht Club. Hugh Talman is hankering to sail the Delta this summer and is recruiting members for a 4th of July weekend (or weeklong if you want a real vacation) cruise. The plan is to be at Mandeville Island by July 3rd to anchor out as close to the fireworks barge as possible for the best seat in the house. For some of us it will be "just like the old days." Well that's all for now. If you have any tidbits of information or real news to pass along, call me at 470-0511. If you want to remain anonymous just use the code name "Deep Throat".

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Membership/Publicity***Beth Buti*****Meet Our New Members!!!**

Last month we had a new family join our club. Read on to find out some interesting facts about these new members.

Coming next month...meet some of the existing members of our club...and see what they've been up to, in both the past and the present!

Name: Bill and Pat Andrew

Type of Boat: Ultima 20 "Salsa"

Reason for Joining: They came to our "Go for the Gold" Regatta last year, and stayed for our BBQ. They had a lot of fun and decided that they wanted to join! They also recently moved here from Carmel, and want to get involved in racing.

Other Hobbies: They both used to play a lot of tennis, Bill still does. They have 7 Grandkids and 3 married children, so family is a big part of their lives.

Cruising Background: They have done some cruising down the coast, but racing is their true passion.

Racing Background: They raced Etchells in the San Francisco Bay for 14 years, and are now interested in racing here on Scotts Flat Lake this summer.



Welcome to the Gold Country Yacht Club! We are all looking forward to an exciting 2004. If you have any questions, or know others who may be interested in joining, please contact Beth Buti. 273-5911

GCYC Sail Training Program

Attention GCYC Junior Sailing Graduates! Be the 1st class of the new Intermediate Junior Sail Program from June 16th through June 18th on Sunfish sailboats at Scotts Flat Lake from 10:00 till 4:00 p.m. Class size is limited to five students (one per boat) and will emphasize skill development in sail/boat trim, rules of the road, safety, racing rules and skills, man-overboard recovery and docking/departures. The class will be taught by Lynn Buchanan a certified US Small Boat Sailing In-

structor certified in First Aid and CPR. Cost is \$20.00 and you will need to bring your "Start Sailing Right" textbook. Sign up early by calling Lynn at 470-0511 for your reservation.

The beginners GCYC Junior Sailing Program (limited to 10 students with 2 per boat) will be from June 21st through June 25th for students 8 - 18 years old. Details will be in next months newsletter. Contact Lynn Buchanan at 470-0511 for reservations.

Wind from Willow

Vice Commodore - Bruce Cutshall

February turned out to be cruise times for the crews of Willow and Island Girl. Valentines weekend started it with a quick conference on the docks and a well timed phone call to the city owned marina next to Gas House Cove, where we were informed that there were two slips available. So after a few chores both boats left our Marina Village slips and headed for the city. For those of you that aren't familiar with SF City Marina it is where the St. Francis and Golden Gate Yacht clubs are walking distance to Fisherman's Wharf and the Golden Gate. A little funky but you can dock your boat there for the night cheaper than you can park your car for dinner, we paid \$9.00 a night for our Catalina 30's.

The trip over was rather bland, typical winter weather on the bay, no wind so the auto pilots got used and the crews rested. Once there and settled in we walked over towards Fisherman's Wharf via a beautiful walk through Fort Mason and along the bluffs over looking SF Bay. We made it as far as the Hyde St. Pier when the crowds became intolerable, so we retreated back to the boats to decide where to take our valentines for dinner. Our first stop on this quest was the Golden Gate Yacht Club. Alas they were having a private party so we sampled their bar and received a hearty recommendation from the bartender, of an Italian restaurant on Chestnut, a short and pleasant walk. We didn't go wrong. It was a very pleasant family style place where the waiter seemed to know everyone that came in. I don't believe the waiter had ever met a stranger.

The next morning, after coffee and pastries provided by the crew of Island Girl, it was time to head back. Again the fabled SF Bay winds were non existent so we motor-sailed back to our slips in Alameda.

Island Girl must have liked the trip because on the last week-



Hugh & Nicki Talman - Island Girl

end of February we went over there again. Thanks to Hugh we were able to secure spots for both boats. Island Girl found wind and was able to sail for most of the day. I was in a leadership conference for PICYA so it was with great pleasure when returning to Willow I received a call from Island Girl. Hugh said my slip was waiting for me at SF Marina. A quick call to Jean, visiting in San Francisco, to meet me at the SF Marina and I was on my way. For those of you that take their boats or have boats on the bay this is a trip that should not be missed. The views are great and some of the best entertainment and dining that San Francisco has to offer is only a short walk away.

GCYC Race Schedule — 2004 Season

Spring Series: (Corrected)

Race 2 has been changed to April 10

For race information contact Jerry Lewis at 272-9380 or Jerryl@editware.com

Race	Date	Day	Race Committee
1	March 28	Sunday	
*2	April 10	Saturday	
3	May 1	Saturday	
4	May 23	Sunday	
5	June 26	Saturday	
6	July 11	Sunday	

Fleet 54 Where Are You?

Fleet Captain—Lynn Buchanan



I talked to club member David Cowell today and he has come up with a unique method of

removing his keel from the C22. He has welded a supporting brace around the keel on his trailer. He plans to drive to the lake, remove the four bolts that hold the keel bracket on, back the trailer and boat into the water and let the boat “float free” from the keel. To put it back on he will reverse the process. He told me he has a scuba suit on standby in case the realignment/reattachment doesn’t go as planned. He will provide pictures before the next newsletter. Since I have been a member of the Catalina 22 association and an active racer/cruiser, the required use of a motor has been a hot topic. The arguments are as varied as: 1) safety 2) economic 3) environmental 4) fairness and just don’t like to use one (a pure sailor). When racing if the C22 sailor is not complying with class rules then the sailor is subject to a disqualifying protest because they were not “class legal”. Well, with enough discussion with the right people, I have come up with a solution, at least for Fleet 54. In an email discussion, our National Secretary/Treasurer Ted McGee stated that the motor, cushions and table are not part of the standing and running rigging and recommended changing the notice of race or sailing instructions for individual fleets, if you desire, to make their use optional. This is allowed by US Sailing Rule 86.1 and Appendix J2.2 (7) and Appendix K. This seems like the best solution because it would allow those who want to race with a motor to use it, use a smaller motor, or those who do not want to use a motor to not use one at all. It would leave the decision up to each Fleet and Club Race Officer based on their sailing venue for their specific Sailing Instructions. In addition it would give the C22 NSA Rules Committee some data and history for possible permanent modification to outdated or unnecessary rules. So here is the proposed wording for my change to the Gold Country Yacht Clubs Sailing Instructions: *“Rule H (1) and Section O item #19, 21 and 33 of the Catalina 22 class rules will not apply. This changes US Sailing*

Rule 78.1”. I would love to hear your opinion or suggestions so feel free to call me at 530-470-0511 or email me at Sailynn@ussailing.net

Lynn Buchanan, Captain Fleet 54
Sailynn #2431

For Sale

- 1985 Catalina 25 fixed keel sailboat. Pop-top enclosure, galvanized trailer, motor, nice sails, non-pressurized alcohol stove, and lots more! \$10,500/OBO Call Mitch or Lori at 268-6570.
- Side by Side 24CF refrigerator with ice maker and water dispenser in door. Bisque color, approximately 7 years old and runs great. \$150.00 Call Heather or Troy at 272-8977
- 2002 Subaru 4 door Sedan AWD, AC, CD Cruise, 39,400 miles, Excellent Condition, \$13,900/OBO Call Dale or Lynn at 470-0511
- Stainless Steel 4 step Removable/Fixed Mount Transom Ladder. New from West Marine cost \$129.99. Like new condition from my Catalina 22. \$60.00 OBO Call Lynn at 470-0511
- 18' Buccaneer with trailer, in sail away condition. Proceeds benefit the GCYC Junior Sailing Program. Viewing is at Scotts Flat Lake GCYC storage area. Minimum Bid is \$350.00 with bids due by March 31st to GCYC, P.O. Box 813, Grass Valley, CA 95945



To place a For Sale ad (limited to space availability) contact Dale Buchanan at 470-0511.

Secretary's Report**Secretary - Karen Fellows****Gold Country Yacht Club General Meeting February 11, 2004****Meeting called to order by Commodore Tish Buti 7:10 P.M.**

- Wayne Buti is spearheading the submittal of a proposal for 2005 Catalina 22 Nationals to be held at Scotts Flat Lake. Most possible to be held in 2006. Lynn Buchanan is a national officer for Catalina 22.
- Calendar dates for the Gold Country Yacht Club events will be printed on the new membership cards.
- Christmas party will be December 4, 2004.

Officers Reports:Vice Commodore Bruce Cutshall - No reportSecretary Karen Fellows - Minutes of January approved as printed in the newsletter.Treasurer Nicki Tallman - Installation of the birdbath in memory of Sioux Wight will be February 16th at Hennessy School at 3:00 P.M. Estimated income for budget purposes for 2004 will be based on 50 member families. Dues can be paid to either Tish Buti or Nicki Tallman. Additional five dollars for name tags.Race Chairman Jerry Lewis - Race dates are planned around other club events. 2003 race results to be sent to U.S. sailing.Cruising Chairman Frank Nin is taking names interested in the Mexico trip in AprilPort Captain Doug Epperson - Storage Building is up, doors and light next to be completed. Stacking shelves have been donated to use in the storage building.Publicity and Membership Chairman Beth Buti announced membership cards for 2004 are ready for pick up. Also announced to sign up for name tags available at March meeting.Newsletter Editor Dale Buchanan requested articles to be sent to him by the first of each month.Regatta Chairman Bruce Cutshall requesting a volunteer to train for 2005 regatta chair. Requested to have members ask local vendors for raffle support.**New Business:**

Junior Sailing Program will be June 21-25 for ages 8-18. Requested to put fliers for distribution at the local high schools. There will be a limit of ten students per class. Contact Lynn Buchanan if you can help during the sailing classes.

1. There is a 12-foot fiberglass fishing dinghy and trailer for sale. Contact Doug Epperson.
2. Small craft advisory magazines available contact Don Samuelson
3. Deadline for bids for the Buccaneer with trailer. Starting bid \$350.00. Contact Tish Buti
4. Motion made and passed to obtain jack stands, tires, and leaf blower. For the Barge. Gary Wade donated a leaf blower.
5. Five weeks to first club race. Six weeks to Camilla Cup.
6. Capri 22 on KNCO Swap Shop available, contact Jerry Lewis

Meeting adjourned. 7:40 P.M.

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2004 Renewal/Membership Application form

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work: _____ FAX: _____ e-mail: _____

Spouse: _____ Participating Children (ages) _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Boat Name: _____ Type/Class/Design: _____

Year: _____ Sail Number: _____

Boat ownership is not a prerequisite for membership. Because this is a working club, every member is expected to help in some way. What would you like to do? _____

Are you interested in () Racing () Cruising () Junior Sailing Program () Other _____
What other hobbies do you have? _____

Would you like instruction in: () Boat Safety () Boat Care () Crewing () Racing () Racing Tactics
() Race Rules () Race Management () Sail Trim () Rigging () Other _____

() Regular/Renewal membership is \$65 per year and includes monthly newsletter, discounts and participation in all club activities, with full voting privileges.

() New Members \$75 (includes \$10 initiation fee) () Renewal (\$10 late fee if renewed after April 1st) Member since: _____

() Supporting membership is \$35 and includes monthly newsletter and attendance at monthly meetings

US Sailing membership (additional, see below) () \$40 Individual () \$60 Family Membership

() I wish to make a donation to the RBOC* _____ \$10 _____ Other amount

I agree to waive all claims against the Gold Country Yacht Club and its Officers for any reason and join the club knowing the risk involved.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: Gold Country Yacht Club

Dues and other correspondence should be mailed to:

Gold Country Yacht Club
P. O. Box 813
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Go through GCYC to join **US SAILING** as an Individual or Family member of the **US SAILING Golden Anchor Program**.

Fee for Individual membership is \$40 (normally \$50). Family membership is \$60 (normally \$70). GCYG receives a \$10 credit for purchase of items through US Sailing if you join by April 1, 2004. These items are used for our Junior/Adult Sailing programs. Please add this amount to your normal GCYC membership fee or attach a separate check. Split billing is available for combined GCYC & US SAILING dues. () SPLIT—\$65 payment due April 1, remaining \$55 due by June 1 (\$5 service charge included).

* RBOC stands for Recreational Boaters of California

March 2004						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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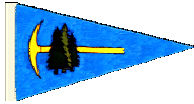
March 1 PICYA Delegates at Discovery Bay
March 10 General Meeting at Larry & Lena's
March 20-21 Capri Nationals
March 23-24 Race Committee Workshop
March 28 Race #1 Scotts Flat Lake
March 30-April 14 Los Angeles Bay, Mexico, Cruise
April 5 PICYA Delegate meet at Richmond YC

April 2004						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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April 10 Race #2 Scotts Flat Lake
April 13 GCYC Board of Directors Meeting
April 14 General Meeting at Larry & Lena's
April 15-18 SAIL Expo
April 17-18 Cruise SAIL Expo
April 24 Konocti Cup Clear Lake
April 25 Opening Day on the Bay - Cruise

Larry & Lena's Pizza—15690 Johnson Place, Grass Valley, Ca. Phone 272-1094

Remember, there is a 20% discount on your food if ordered before 4:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:00 and Business @ 7:00



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