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Gold Country Yacht Club

GCYC Junior Sailing Program Graduates 10 Students

Special points of interest:

- Junior Sailing Program a success!
- New members abound
- La Paz to San Diego
- Traveling with Fleet 54



Ten GCYC Junior Sailors completed a beginners course in sailing Sunfish sailboats during the period July 14th through July 20th. The cost of the course was \$50.00 to GCYC member students and included a US Sailing Start Sailing Right textbook, US Sailing Junior Sailor membership and rules book, and a subscription to Sailing World Magazine. A swim test/parent orientation meeting

was held at Club Sierra Sports and Fitness Center in Grass Valley, where the students performed a 25-yard swim, donning a life jacket test while treading water. Five Sunfish sailboats, two safety boats and the house were used for the on the water Flat Lake. The ten sailors ranged in age from 6 years old to 15 years old. The 30-hour



course was taught by US Small Boat Sailing Instructor and Assistant Instructor Tish Buti with assistance from GCYC member volunteers, Jerry and Cameron Lewis, George Dresbach, Gary Wade, Dale Buchanan, Wayne Buti, Gordon Fellows, Bruce Cutshall, Frank Nin, Doug Epperson, Ron Kent, and Stuart Beach. Students received US Sailing Start Sailing Right textbooks and were instructed in knot tying, water safety, sailing terminology, weather, caring for and rigging a sailboat, rules of the road, capsizing recovery, tacking, jibing, departing and returning beach departures and arrivals. The

to moderate during the four days on the day of lessons offered skills contests in racing and the pirates game. For the pi-boat was given a water cannon and then instructors anchored safety boat and got to shoot off three of their best shots. The prizes for "Best Shot" were movie theater tickets for the winning team. The last day ended with a potluck BBQ with the students, parents, instructors, and volunteers followed by trophy presentations to the students.



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New Members Join Gold Country Yacht Club!!!

Beth Buti

Wow! Our list of new members just keeps growing every month! Read on to meet some new families who have joined our Yacht club during the past few months.

Name: Alan and Arlene Taylor

Type of Boat: Pacific 38...docked in Sausalito.

Reason for Joining: They are both sailors! They recently moved here; Alan is a good lake sailor, and Arlene is a good ocean sailor. They were at the Regatta.

Other Hobbies: They have an organic garden and also enjoy music. Alan plays the guitar.

Racing Background: Arlene has raced Catamarans in the past, Tornados and Nacras. Alan has raced all kinds of monohulls.

Cruising Background: They have cruised down the coast to the Channel Islands. They anchored at Santa Cruz Island.

Name: George and Francis Dresbach

Type of Boat: Right now, an inflatable, but owned a Cal 227 on the bay

Reason for Joining: Just moved to Nevada City. Are members of the Richmond Yacht Club, where they had their boat, and want to be part of the GCYC now that they have moved.

Other Hobbies: Love sailing, and recently have been very busy settling into their new house and doing projects around the house. Also do much RV traveling.

Racing Background: George is interested in racing and has helped out with a lot of races.

Cruising Background: Francis prefers the cruising lifestyle. They have cruised all around the bay. They have also sailed in Tonga and the Virgin Islands.

Name: Barbara Jensen

Type of Boat: No boat, but would love to help crew if anyone needs it.

Reason for Joining: Lived in Hawaii and sailed there. Now wants to relearn how to sail. She loves the water.

Other Hobbies: Canoeed with the Sierra club, gardening, nature.

Cruising Background: Sailed in Hawaii.

Name: Kevin and Pam Soch

Family: Jamin-15, Josh-14, Elisha-13, Joel-10, Jon-9, Ethan-9

Type of Boat: Coronado 15

Reason for Joining: Family Fun

Other Hobbies: Horses, dogs, camping

Racing Background: Kevin races a lot, and is now interested in doing it with his kids.

Cruising Background: Have not cruised on a sailboat.

Name: Larry and Linda Gramh

Family: Five children and eleven

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grandchildren

Type of Boat: Catalina 22 "Moody Blues"

Reason for Joining: They just recently bought their boat and don't yet know how to sail. They also joined for social reasons!

Other Hobbies: Music: Larry sings with the Grass Valley Men's Chorus and Linda plays clarinet with the Nevada City Concert Band. They are also involved with Children's Ministries.

Name: Robert and Susan Crockett

Family: Jackson and Nick - both age 11

Type of Boat: Don't have a boat yet, but are looking for a 20 foot boat they can learn on...anyone know someone who is selling one?

Reason for Joining: The boys were in Jr. Sailing this summer and now they are all interested in sailing.

Other Hobbies: Kung Fu, Martial Arts, mountain biking, swimming, soccer, music

Name: Alice Litton

Family: Jeff - age 16

Type of Boat: May buy a used sunfish to learn how to sail.

Reason for Joining: To learn how to sail! They worked on a sailing merit badge through scouting and really enjoyed it.

Other Hobbies: Scouting, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, camping

Name: David Cowell

Family: Kit - age 10

Type of Boat: Victory 21 and Catalina 22...a power boat and dinghy too!

Reason for Joining: Likes to sail and was interested in racing in the beginning of the season.

Other Hobbies: Skiing, white water rafting, fly fishing, kayaking, mountain biking, windsurfing, water skiing

Racing Background: Used to race in the bay area...many beer can races. Has also raced in the Jazz Cup in the SF Bay.

Cruising Background: Has done some cruising around the West Indies as well as other places.

Name: Robert and Susan Wright

Family: Paris and Austin

Reason for Joining: They boys were in Jr. Sailing this summer.

Name: Mel Atwood

Family:

Type of Boat:

Reason for Joining:

Other Hobbies:

Racing Background: Does lots of racing in the SF Bay.



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Cruising Background:

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!!



Baja Bash

Ed Guinaugh

In late April I was asked to help deliver an Andrews 56 from La Paz to San Diego, starting time - May 7. Latitude 38 starting doing some articles and letters and stated that May was one of the two worst months to try the "bash". Caroline and I were invited to spend a few days aboard while we waited for crew and got the boat ready. So why not? We flew to San Jose Del Cabo on 5/2 and was met by, Greg, the skipper. We stopped at a classic old resort on the beach on our way to La Paz and had the barman fix us some fresh mango Margaritas, made with fruit from Greg's hacienda in San Bartolo, a very small hill town about 55 miles north of the airport. Then onto the Andrews at the marina at the north end of town and a short check out, then Greg was off and would be back on the 5th to get us.

La Paz was fun, from the 55 year old Seattle man with a Pekinese, a ponytail and a 20 year old bride of two years on his Nor'sea 27 tied next to us, watching the start of the Baja 500, getting a \$5 haircut, eating out, cruising the harbor and bay in a borrowed (we had to walk to the Pemex station to fill up with gas) dinghy, and getting some great ice cream. We were picked up on the 5th and spent the night in San Bartolo. Caroline and I were given the task of finding chile rellenos from Jose down by the pink house, but that's another story. On the 6th at the airport, Caroline flew out and we picked up our third crew, Gary, and then back to the boat. In 1979, Gary and his girlfriend sailed a 32' double ended, ferro-cement, gaff rigged sloop from San Francisco to Z-town and back with an old depth sounder for instrumentation and a Timex for a chronometer. Greg's fun was asking Gary, "What happened along this part of the coast?" It ranged from diving overboard with a knife between his teeth to cut away the fouled lobster net line to keep from going onto the rocks, to the time that they tried to beat around Pt. Collnet in a storm with his girlfriend and crew sick as dogs. Gary was at the helm for 46 hours while he beat out from the coastline for 6 hours, and when he beat back in he found out that he lost ground. His slow, nonchalant, Arkansas delivery under played some great, long overlooked accomplishments. Greg went to New Zealand when he was 21, finished off a 28' sloop and headed for Tahiti. After coming through a typhoon, he finally made it to Papaete and Bernard Motissiere took his dock lines. Greg has commercially fished and does world wide deliveries and he kept buying food everywhere we went or stopped. He didn't want to have to hold up somewhere due to weather and not have enough to eat. That was never a problem.

We fueled and left La Paz on 5/7 at 1030 and arrived in Cabo at 0630 on 5/8. Greg checked in and then we took a mooring ball off the El Presidente. We had dinner ashore and went looking for and found the restaurant and hotel that Gary and his girlfriend stayed in over 20 years ago on their cruise. We went back to the boat to wait out the wind that had picked up and blew steady all afternoon. Gary had brought down the latest Latitude 38 and we all enjoyed reading the article by a 13 year old, who with his mom, dad and 15 yr. old brother, had just completed a 7 year circumnavigation. We departed Cabo at 0500 on 5/9 and arrived in Mag Bay on 5/10 at 1100 and settled in at the old whaling station to hopefully let the wind outside blow itself out a little. After checking it out every two hours, we weighed anchor at 0200 on 5/11. The wind was as expected, cold and right on the nose. We had on full foul weather gear and never took it off while in the cockpit or on deck. As soon as we turned the corner into Turtle Bay, the wind machine was off and the temperature climbed rapidly. We always listened to other boats heading north to check on the weather, and felt that we had better fuel and go, and we did. We had a reefed main up all of the time, and optimistically unfurled the genny a few times and was once on a starboard tack within two miles of land. Can anyone name or give the location of the island that is not on the navigation charts (it is on Charlie's Charts) about one mile off the Baja Coast?

As we approached the island of San Geronimo, we cut the engine and sailed over towards five gray whales. When their little side fin is out of the water, they're looking at you. After checking us out, they split, and while in the lee of the island,

a panga and three fisherman came out to trade, one of them was still in his wetsuit. We traded some internally warming liquid refreshment, a six-pack, ginger ale, cookies and candy for seven lobster and an abalone. By dark we had knocked off everything but a little abalone and one small lobster; but they went well with eggs and hash browns in the morning.

The farther north we went, the more the winds eased up in intensity, but it was still cold. We pulled up to the Police dock in San Diego at 2000 on 5/14. It was 2130, dark, windy and cold before we were backing into our slip. A lady and her son came out of the dark to graciously take our dock lines and after setting spring lines, thank yous and intros, met two of the McMillans, who we had just read about finishing their 7 year circumnavigation. This family, for me, was definitely a crowning moment of the trip. They did this on a Cal 39! The brothers were drooling over the 56' thoroughbred sled that we just brought in, and the whole family came aboard to check it out. What perceptive young men, but it was the dad who blew me away when in our conversation professed that the biggest thing he learned through this whole trip was "all of the stuff that you don't need". To Dennis, Bev, Fraser & Tristan of Delphis, I hope that your new life ashore is a good one. While Gary was off talking 3/16 stainless and Greg was taking care of details, I gave Delphis all of our perishable food items (all of the stuff Greg had for just in case). We cleaned the boat and were on an afternoon flight home, enriched by new experiences and interesting people. It was a great bash!



FLEET 54 WHERE ARE YOU?

Lynn Buchanan



Fleet 54 members have been out and about racing and cruising. Joe Day and family on Mental Floss #15134 and Frank Nin and friend on Hola~ #15464 trailered up Highway 20 to Interstate 80 for about an hour to Lake Tahoe, CA and launched their boats at Meeks Bay Campground for a fun filled week of cruising on Lake Tahoe. Other Fleet 54 members have taken the byways and airways to spend their vacation while the rest of us languish around on our boats at Scotts

Flat Lake. Wayne and Tish Buti just purchased a 1973 Catalina 22 and are upgrading #1928 for racing. Tish crews for me on Sailynn #2431 and Wayne has recruited my husband Dale as crew. There goes our Dock Daddy's! I'm sure there will be lots of stories to tell in the days to come. The Buti's and Buchanan's trailered to Region 10's Fleet 136 3rd Annual Fearsome Foursome Regatta at Lake Yosemite, Merced, CA. The one day regatta for Catalina 22's consisted of three races with a mandatory crew of four on each boat. The regatta was followed by a wonderful dinner at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association clubhouse. Sailynn came in 3rd out of six Catalina 22 boats. Fleet 54's newest members are Linda and Larry Graham who purchased a 1973 Catalina 22 on an E-Bay auction. The boat was formerly docked at Lake Oroville, CA and Larry had a chance to preview the boat. The only thing is Larry has never sailed, and Linda has only sailed as a tag along crew. Wayne Buti along with Dale and I spent several days showing Larry and Linda the ropes (literally), standing rigging and basic sailing lessons. Linda and Larry's interests are in cruising and taking the grand-kids on lake and fishing trips. They already love the camaraderie our members have shown them and promise to be active in the sailing seasons to come.

Captain

C22 National Sailing Association Fleet 54



GCYC Minutes August 13, 2003

Commodore Tish Buti called the meeting together at 7:10 p.m. Tish stated everything with Kalyn Management was O.K. The forms for switching moorings or dry storage are available from the office now. Remember, Tish has to sign the form as well as the two parties involved. Tish also reported that we have received a donation of a Holder Sail and some water skiing vests, if any one is interested in purchasing the vests, contact her.

Vice Commodore: No Report

Secretary Lynn Buchanan reported the PICYA newsletter was received. Nothing else to report.

Treasurer Nicolette Talman reported that GCYC burgees are still available for purchase for \$20.00 to members. She was still totaling the regatta financial records and will have an update for the September meeting.

Race Chairman Jerry Lewis said one race was a no show by the racers and will be made up on September 27th if everyone agrees. Upcoming events are the Capri 22 Nationals in San Diego which Jerry will be attending. The Catalina 22's were invited to Fleet 136 Fearsome Foursome Regatta at Yosemite Lake in Merced and the Buchanan's and Buti's will be going to race the Buchanan Catalina 22 *Sailynn*.

Cruise Chairman Don Wight reported that two Catalina 22's skippered by Frank Nin and Joe Day and his Catalina 25 participated in the cruise. Labor Day plans are for a cruise to the Delta for anyone interested call Lynn Buchanan before Thursday for details.

Port Captain: No Report

Newsletter Editor: On Vacation

Publicity/Membership Beth Buti reports new member Mel Atwood, Linda and Larry Graham and Barbara Jensen have joined since last month.

Committee Reports: Lynn Buchanan reported the results and winners plaques have been all mailed.

Old Business: None

New Business: Need a volunteer to head up the Flea Market on Sunday Sept. 28th. Jeremy Gicker volunteered with Lynn and Dale Buchanan assisting. Still need a Christmas Party Chairman to volunteer.

Raffle Prize: Forgot by the Talman's. Nicki promised to bring one next month.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Boat Name: _____ Type/Class/Design: _____

Year: _____ Sail Number: _____

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Are you interested in Racing Cruising Jr. Sailing Program Other _____

Would you like instruction in: Boat Safety Boat Care Crewing Racing

Racing Tactics Racing Rules Race Management Sail Trim Rigging Other _____

What other hobbies do you have? _____

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

New Member **Renewal** (\$10 late fee if renewed after April 1st) Member since: _____

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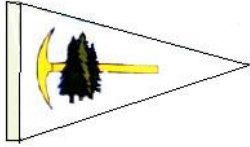
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September 7 GCYC Race # 10 @ SFL
 September 8 PICYA Meeting
 September 10 Club Meeting @ SFL Club House
 September 20 GCYC Race # 11 @ SFL
 September 28 Flea Market—Fair Grounds

October 5 GCYC Race # 12 @ SFL
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 October 8 Club Meeting @ Larry & Lenna's Pizza
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