

...a little dinghy

Special Interest Articles:

- "Once Is
Enough" book
review by Bark-
o-Lounger
Samuelson.

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Commodore's Report – Pierre Chatelain

Dear Fellow Sailors,

Happy New Year 2007! I hope your holidays were fun, fruitful, and resting. The Board and I have the pleasure of representing your interest in the Club. We met a few weeks ago and brainstormed what we think we could accomplish in 2007. Unfortunately I do not have the notes of the meeting with me. I will include them in a bullet-point format summary and we will review them TOGETHER at the next General Meeting.

So please make sure to come to the meeting and participate in setting up the objectives for our Club in 2007.

Here is to a wonderful year 2007! May we all have the winds we are looking for this year ... except for Kudzu ;-)

Membership / Publicity – Dave Bloch

Greetings for the New Year!

I'm looking forward to a great year for the Club, and especially to smoothing out some of the membership processes that really slowed things down in 2006. I'm no longer brand new to this job, and finally feel like I know what has to be done and when to get all our members the services you deserve.

The new Board is already talking about ways we can make the Club more valuable and more fun. I think others are going to type about that in this issue of "Dinghy," so I won't repeat that here. But I would like to encourage everyone to do a couple of things:

- Suggest! Got some ideas for new activities or services, or ways we can make existing ones better? Let a Board member know, and if you're not sure who to contact, Email me: dave@sierrabusines.net --I'll pass it on.
- Present! We've had lots of call in the past for more stories, videos and slide shows about sailing adventures at our meetings. If you're going somewhere this year and can put a little presentation together, everyone would love to see it.
- Participate! Sometimes the best thing you can do for an organization is just to Be There. The Board is going to be working to make meetings more fun

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and to generate other activities (beyond our always-great Racing program), but they won't be the same without you.

- Promote! Finally, if you like what we're doing, talk the Club up to your friends and neighbors. There are two levels of promotion here--the Club to sailors, and our favorite sport to folks who wish they were. (That covers everybody, doesn't it?)

Hoping to see you all at our events and on the water!

Bark-o-Lounger Samuelson

I hope that many of you read the interview of Lin and Larry Pardey in the November 2006, Latitude 38 mag. It was pretty interesting. I've read a few of their books and they are terrific, particularly if you want to become a blue water cruiser. In the interview they mention that they met Tristan Jones and Bernard Moitessier when they were just pups. That must have turned them on to cruising. I'm sure they read many books on cruising in those early days too. And, I'm sure, the author whose writing is being reviewed this month was in their library.

But, on another note, a couple of years ago when I went to the Sail Expo, or whatever it is called, at springtime in Alameda I met Lin Pardey. She was at a booth selling one of their books or plugging one of their seminars at the Expo or something. Anyway, I got to talk to her a little bit. Talk about a 60 (plus or minus) year old who has her head screwed on straight and will be "forever young".....But I digress.

This month's book, Once Is Enough, by Miles Smeeton is a classic of a sailing adventure. He and his wife Beryl wrote an earlier book, The Sea Was Our Village, which I read a while back. But I can't find the book. So, I guess, you won't find it in the exchange box either. These books were both written in the 50's so some of the material is dated. But they are both good reads.

The author and his wife were really interesting people to boot. He was 6'7" tall and was in the British cavalry in India. It is said that his feet almost touched the ground when he was on a smaller horse. In the late nineteen thirties when life became too boring for Beryl she decided to climb mountains in northern India on her own; quite an independent woman for that day and age. They made an interesting sailing couple and their adventures were extraordinary. Among other things they did sail around the world. But their book title, Once Is Enough, may be a little misleading. You will have to read it to discover the real reason for the title of the book.

Race Chairman – Jerry Lewis

Editors note: Jerry has provided me with a list of regattas that you may find interesting in 2007.

- Three Bridge Fiasco 1/27 in San Francisco Bay
- Camellia Cup 4/14-15 at Folsom Lake
- Trans Folsom 5/5 at Folsom Lake
- Whiskeytown 5/26-28 at Whiskeytown Lake
- Gold Country 6/2-3 at Scotts Flat Lake

- Delta Dinghy 6/16 at Lake Washington
- High Sierra/dinghy 7/7-8 at Huntington Lake
- Trans Tahoe 7/6-8 at Lake Tahoe
- High Sierra/keel 7/14-15 at Huntington Lake
- Turkey Shoot 11/10 at Lake Washington

Newsletter – Scott Muir

Welcome to the first of a new volume of "...a little dinghy". As you can see the format has changed significantly, though perhaps not permanently. Since I don't have access to the same software that Mike had for producing the newsletter I'm using MS Word, which in the long run should be more available to future newsletter editors. I'm open to suggestions as to what you would like to see in the newsletter, so feel free to call me or send me e-mail at muir@acornknoll.com. Article submissions are always welcomed.

With many of us returning from holiday travels after the New Year, articles and content for this months newsletter are a bit, well, skimpy. I think the next issue will fare better. I'd like to thank Bark-o-Lounger Samuelson for providing the book review, and Dave Bloch and Mike Hauser for their timely responses to my questions.

In the coming year I would like to work with the board and club members to further expand our use of the Internet for communication with each other. We have an e-mail list which members can use to find out who is going sailing when, solicit crew, provide updates about meetings, etc., but unfortunately only a small number of us are on the list.

If you have questions about how to join the list, or concerns that keep you from joining, please let me know and I will try to help. Feel free to call or e-mail me. If you want to join the list, send an e-mail to gcy-c-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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