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Commodore's Report – Pierre Chatelain

A few important points:

- The date for the next Go For The Gold Regatta is June 7th and 8th, 2008. Mark your calendars!

- The Club is considering giving away 2 Sunfish to junior sailors. One for the winner of the Junior GFTG 2008 and one for the winner of the Jr. Sailing program final race. What do you think? Let's discuss at our next meeting.

- The motors of the barge and dinghy have been fixed and tested. I have been told they are in great shape. I will go out in the next few days to use them and test them.

- Come to the next General meeting to vote on the changes on the Club's bylaws.

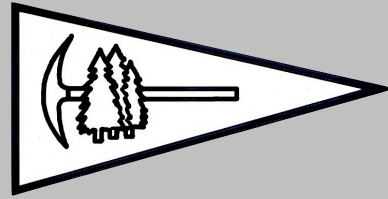
- Would you be interested in joining the Club's Board? Nominations are coming up soon and we are looking for a Vice-Commodore and a Port Captain at this time. Start thinking about it now. The Board meets once a month for about 3 hours. I have enjoyed working with a great group of individuals. We have had great brainstorming sessions and have come up with fun ideas. Could you fit the Gold Country Yacht Club in your schedule?

Outside of the Board, I got interested by Jerry Grant of our Club, who won the Jazz Cup in 2006 in the Corsair F-24 fleet and the Corsair Yahoo group to jump in the 2007 Jazz Cup. There were about 80 boats of which 6 were Corsair F-24. Barb and I took 3 teenagers on the boat with us. We had a great time racing in the Bay for our first time and finished 3rd in the Corsair F-24 fleet.

Sailing is such a beautiful sport!

Pierre

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti

Gold Country Yacht Club, Board of Directors Meeting - June 26, 2007

Called to Order: Bloch Home at 6:52 P.M. by Commodore, Pierre Chatelain.

Present: Pierre Chatelain, Wayne Buti, Tish Buti, David Niedziejko, Dave Bloch, Jean Cutshall, Bruce Cutshall, Scott Muir.

Officer Reports:

Commodore- Pierre Chatelain:

Thanks to Dave and Spranza for hosting Board meeting. Next meeting will be at the Lake on Pierre's boat on 7/31/07, if needed. Our next regular membership meeting will be July 10. Focus for this meeting will be the bylaws revision. Wayne made a motion that the Board present the revised bylaws at the July 11 meeting. Seconded by Bruce Cutshall. Discussion: present a hardcopy to be published in the July newsletter and the link to be published in the August newsletter. The new bylaws would go in to affect on January 1, 2008. Vote: unanimously approved for presentation.

Thanks to all for a great Regatta! Food, music, everything was great.

Treasurer- Jean Cutshall: Jean reported bank balance. She will report on the income from the Regatta at the next meeting. Still getting bills in at this point but looks to be the same as last year. Reported that newsletter is now running about \$90 per month. We sill work on trying to distribute by email only

Port Captain-Wayne Buti: Wayne reported on the first Beer Can/Wine Bottle Race. The rules were adjusted as needed. There were 2 items – fridge and a commercial first aid kit for the wall - presented as needed. A motion was made by David N. and seconded by Bruce to get. We're still having problems with motors. Gordon Fellows has offered to help fix the barge motor. The Juniors cleaned up and organized the shed. Kudos to Lynn and the kids-it looks great! The BOD will need to discuss with NID who is responsible for damage to the facility when it is rented out to the public.

1. We do the regular maintenance. 2. We pay the property taxes.

Membership/Publicity Chairman- Dave Bloch: Name badge holder came. Directory and handbook has not happened yet, but should include information on how to contact NID about obtaining mooring balls, dry storage, how to check out a Club boat, etc. He will work on.

Secretary-Tish Buti: distributed mail that was received.

Newsletter – Scott Muir: Newsletter articles and Regatta results and pictures deadline will be 7/3.

Vice-Commodore – Bruce Cutshall: Need to have more events. How about a youth sailing event "series" after the Junior Sailing Programs? We need to capitalize on their enthusiasm.

_Lectric Latitude has taken up Bismark Dinius' cause.

Adjourned: 8:45 PM

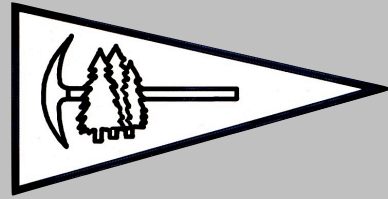
General Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2007

Called to order by Commodore Chatelaine at GCYC Clubhouse at 7:23 PM

Officer Reports:

Commodore – Pierre Chatelaine: Cheers to the Fishkorns on their new acquisition, a Catalina 25 – *Luna-sea*. Welcome back to the Talmans. Guest Speaker introduced – Bob Reoppe from RBOC –

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

Recreational Boaters of California. He spoke to us on the mission of RBOC and how we, as boaters, benefit from this organization. He brought to our attention several legislative issues that may affect our enjoyment on the water. The funding for RBOC comes from yacht clubs, private parties and Boat US. They generally ask for \$20 per boat, but most clubs budget \$10 per boat through the club to either be included in their dues or to be made by direct donation. A motion was made by Lynn Buchanan to make the \$10 donation per boat and seconded by David Niedziejko. The motion was unanimously approved by membership present.

Secretary – Tish Buti: distributed mail. There is an updated phone list available to members tonight. Please check your email address if you have not received your newsletter by email.

Cruise-Chairman – David Niedziejko: reported on the cruise on the Bay. Don Samuelson will be awarded Cruise points for his land cruise. A cruise this weekend to Folsom is in the works.

Treasurer – Jean Cutshall: reported on Regatta income – about \$3,500 – about the same as last year.

Sailing Education Chairman – Lynn Buchanan: Lynn reported that 19 students participated in the June Junior Sailing Programs – 8 Boy Scouts and 11 others. Thanks to all the members that helped. She has books for California Boater Certification Program. She will be gone for the rest of July. She did hold a Women Only training session and had 3 participants. A special 'thanks' to the Andrews family for all their help.

Membership & Publicity – Dave Bloch: reminded everyone about the bylaws revision. Let Tish know if you need a copy of the old bylaws to compare the new ones to.

Race Chairman – Jerry Lewis: Pierre reported that there are 2 local races coming up – the TransTahoe and the Huntington regatta.

Port Captain – Wayne Buti: not present

Newsletter Editor- Scott Muir: no report

Vice-Commodore – Bruce Cutshall: no report

Old Business:

Friendship Club Day: Tish thanked all that members that turned out to share their time and talent. We had so many boats, the Butis stayed on shore to be the BBQ crew!

Summer Sailstice: our Club had been registered as having an event by both Tish Buti and Ken Neely. Had a bunch of boats on the Lake and a raft up down in the Cove.

4th of July: 3 boats but no parade on the Lake this year.

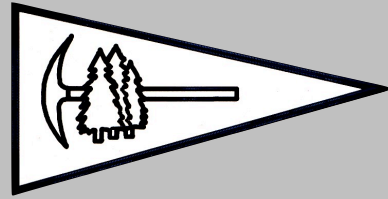
New Business:

We have a new supply of burgees available to Club members.

Dave Rousseau presented a burgee from the Kirona/Kona Yacht Club. Ken Neely and Janis presented one from the South Beach Yacht Club as well.

Business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

General Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2007

Called to order by Vice Commodore Cutshall at GCYC Clubhouse at 7:05 PM

Before the meeting officially started, Past Commodore Samuelson distributed homemade apricot jam to those present – a special treat!

Officer Reports:

Commodore – Pierre Chatelaine: not present.

Race Chairman – Jerry Lewis: Jerry announced the winners of the Spring Race Series. But where are all the racers? The next race is scheduled for 8/18 then there are only 2 races left after that and 2 races to make up. Do we still have a motor issue on the barge?

Cruise-Chairman – David Niedziejko: David will email the dates for a Clear Lake Cruise. Jerry brought up the fact that we have been contacted by Golden Gate Fields if we would like to put together a “land cruise” to attend the races. Ken Neely also offered Tradewinds to help organize an event.

Port Captain – Wayne Buti: all the motors are now tuned up and appear to be running just fine. Please talk to him if you are having problems with any of them. The one on the barge is a bit different than the others to please make sure you are trying to start/run it. When starting, you must pull the handle out and rotate it forward before starting it to prime it. There will be a Labor Day weekend cruise to Little Grass Valley Lake. So far the Fellows, Butis (all of them) the Buchanans, and the Eppersons are all going. Please call for more information.

Beer Can/Wine Bottle Races have been great! The last one we had 7 boats. A reminder that each boat needs to have 8 legs minimum – spiders are acceptable.

Secretary – Tish Buti: distributed mail. Still having some newsletter emails bouncing back. We have dates for next year's regatta - June 7 & 8, 2008

Membership & Publicity – Dave Bloch: reminded everyone about the bylaws revision. Let These changes will be voted on at the September meeting. They have gone through Committee and the Board of Directors. There are minimal changes, but please read. We will need 2/3 vote of attending members to pass. The major questions and changes have to do with rights and restrictions of membership – especially voting ability.

Treasurer – Jean Cutshall: not present.

Sailing Education Chairman – Lynn Buchanan: not present

Newsletter Editor- Scott Muir: no report

Old Business:

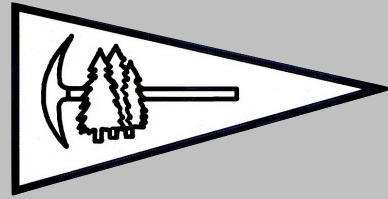
Nothing to report

New Business:

Don Samuelson brought attention to our lending Library. There are some great books and videos to enjoy. Take one home and use it and it back with a friend. Ames Bookstore in Grass Valley is a great place to find some wonderful books. They have a great trade in program – bring a book in and get credit for other books. Don will seek approval from the Board of Directors to surplus some of our unused books.

Dave Cowell announced the Dinghy Delta Ditch Run for August 14th. The Jazz Cup will also take place on Labor Day weekend.

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

Business portion of the meeting was adjourned. Motion made by Don Samuelson, seconded by Ken Neely. Unanimously approved.

After meeting there were some great stories:

Only two GCYC boats participated in the TransTahoe Race. One took third and one took fifth.

Jerry reported that the Delta Ditch Run will be in conflict with our Regatta on June 7th next year. We will lose a few classes to this conflict.

Ken Neely went offshore with John Connelly, owner of Modern Sailing, on a 50+ foot boat and learned tons!

Editorial - Scott Muir

This month I'm faced with a difficult task - writing an actual editorial on a serious subject.

As some of you know, club member Bismarck Dinius has been accused of vehicular manslaughter by the Lake County District Attorney. The accusation stems from an accident in which Bismarck was helming a sailboat at night on Clear Lake. I won't recount the story here, as I feel the incident merits full consideration, and I can't use as much space in the newsletter as I feel is needed. The accident was unfortunate and tragic. Compounding that, there are many who question whether Bismarck has an opportunity for a fair trial, or even if he should be the one standing trial at all.

I urge you to read about this event and consider the implications it may have for sailors in general. There are several sources where you can read the story and get updates. One of the first places I read about the incident was in *Latitude 38's* online edition. You can see their write-up here:

<http://www.latitude38.com/LectronicLat/2007/0607/June13/June13.html>

The story began to become more complex when a Bay Area television news program began investigating and reporting on the accident. See:

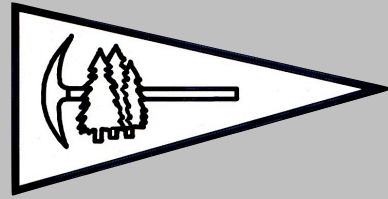
http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=i_team&id=5569012

There are several follow-up stories on the KGO / ABC website, along with video clips of interviews with witnesses.

For a more inflammatory set of viewpoints, you can look on Sailing Anarchy. The quality of the discussion on SA varies from stupid to well informed and insightful. Of interest is the strength of the emotions it has brought out in the sailing community worldwide. There is a long discussion which takes a significant change in direction when the KGO investigation began revealing that the Lake County Sheriff and DA might not be telling the entire story. See:

<http://www.sailinganarchy.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=56342>

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Editorial - Scott Muir - Continued

If you do choose to read the discussion in Sailing Anarchy be forewarned that it really can be anarchy, and it's only suitable for adults. There are links to other reports on the incident, as well as contact info for the California Department of Justice, the Lake County supervisors, and others, in the SA discussion.

During our general meeting next week there will likely be discussion about the accident and what we can do as individuals if we want to help Bismarck with his defense. This won't be one of the more "fun" topics that we have discussed, but it will likely be one of the more important ones.

Upcoming Events

September

- 12 - General Meeting - Scott's Flat Lake Clubhouse
- 16 - Summer Race #5 - SFL
- 29 - Summer Race #6 - SFL
- 25 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

October

- 6-7 Catalina 22 Region 10 Regatta - Berkeley
- 10 - General Meeting - Location TBA
- 30 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

November

- 10 - Turkey Shoot - Lake Washington
- 14 - General Meeting - Location TBA
- 27 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

December

- 1 - Christmas / Annual Awards Party

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