



# Gold Country Yacht Club

## ... a little dinghy

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- *Words to the Wise*
- *1st 2005 Non Race*



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## Soundings From The Poop-deck Commodore Bruce Cutshall



### Commodore Abducted by Space aliens!

Dateline 4/1/2005 Grass Valley, California...The Editors regret to inform the Membership that we have received a demand from space Alien abductors for the return of our beloved Commodore. Yes, Bruce was last seen on the Bay avoiding R14 when a huge ship of unknown origin whisked him skyward by levitation ray or magnetism or a baited hook or something.

The Board has voted to meet the Aliens' demands for Bruce's return; A bottle of Grey Goose, A Garmin model 1400 combo color GPS mapping sytem and Satellite phone system, (page 56 of the current West Marine Catalog), and two box seats at the Fair Grounds to Luchiano Pavorottis's upcoming world tour stop of his world tour show "Uno VecchioTenor". Be sure and attend the April meeting to welcome Bruce back. *Editors*



### Vice Commodore -Jeffery Lund

Hello one and all!

It's almost scary to think that we are into April already and the regatta is only two months away. I would like to thank the regatta committee (Pierre, Bill and Pat) for the work they have been doing; I would also like to thank all those who signed up to work on various tasks in preparation for the regatta. I will be calling you soon. As you might have guessed there are lots more positions that need to be filled. Please be ready to sign on the dotted line this Wednesday evening.

At our last meeting it was announced that we are going to have a T-shirt logo design contest. Are you artistic? Can you be creative? If so, WE NEED YOU! The contest deadline and voting will be held at our May meeting. It is important for those interested to let me know so that I can plan accordingly. I would like to have as many of our members join in on this as possible. We will have a nice prize for the winner.

As a sideline, Pat and I took a quick trip to Disneyland this last week and I want you all to know that we were good GCYC members and made sure to ride on the Pirates of the Caribbean. Rrrrr! Well, to get on with my story, on my way back I was sitting in LAX waiting for my plane to arrive and across from me are a couple of "yachtsters" in full yacht club regalia. When they saw my GCYC shirt we immediately had something in common to talk about. That's one of the great things about being part of a club. I notice that that happens a lot, so I make a point of wearing my yacht club shirts whenever I am on the road. Just think, if you win the T-shirt competition I could be showing off your design whenever and wherever I go. You could be famous!

See you at the meeting --- Rrrrr!

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***Words to the Wise******Don Samuelson*****Lazy-boy Musings**

I've been getting a little long winded with these reviews. So, hopefully, this one won't take up so much space. I'm sure Mike and Jean will need the space for all the articles that club members are writing for "A Little Dingy".

Passage to Juneau: A Sea and Its Meanings, (Hey, I learned how to underline on this thing.) by Jonathan Raban. This book provides a wonderful view of the Inland Passage and more. It was one of the motivating factors that helped Jo Lynn and I decide to book a cruise through the Inland Passage to Alaska a couple of years ago. We had a great time. We got on this boat that took only 75 people. We were able to go right up to the glaciers and .....Oops, I digress.

While reading this book I finally realized why almost all of the native people lived along the water and rarely ventured very far inland. After having cruised in Desolation Sound a few times it was also interesting to learn why Vancouver named it "Desolation Sound". It didn't have much to do with being far out and desolate as I had always thought. As the author ventures through, and describes the Passage and its history he also discovers much within himself.

The fellow that does the overview on the book cover does a much better job than I ... "Raban brings the past spectacularly alive and renders the present in a prose of sustained brilliance and humor. Exhilarating, panoramic, full of ideas, natural history, and mordant social observations, his journey into the wild heart of North America turns into a profound exploration of the wilderness of the human heart." See, I told you it was a better review than I could do. Great book! I wonder what "mordant" means?

A Bark-o-lounger

***Whiskeytown Anyone?***

I haven't flown this by the Cruise committee yet but Jamie and I are planning to spend a week on Lake Shasta and Whiskeytown the 16th-22nd of May. That's a week before the Whiskeytown Regatta. We'll leave the boat at Whiskeytown (Redding) the week before the regatta if I can find a suitable storage place etc. If anyone wants to join us or bring their boat up the weekend before the regatta to sail please contact me at 272-3209 (day) or 273-2886 (eve).

***Letters From the Editors***

*Mike & Jean Hauser*

Grandsons Eli & Ezra stopped by on the way to the Bay Area just before Easter. It happened that I had Roller Coaster parked in front of the house getting her ready for the first (non) race of the season. Eli stood there in awe and wanted to know when he could ride on the "Big Boat". It was a happy surprise then when he came back on the way home, Easter, that he got introduced to his and his brothers' new yellow sailboat. Heck, all I ever got was some hard boiled eggs and maybe some new church duds. He had to promise to learn how to swim, teach his little brother Ezra how to sail when he's ready, and thank Hugh sometime this Summer in person.



**Racing News****Race Chairman-Jerry Lewis****Rain, rain go away. Little sailors want to play!**

The weekend BEFORE our first scheduled race of the 2005 Spring Season was beautiful weather, slight breeze with lots of sunshine and 65 degree temperatures. And the weekend AFTER our first scheduled race was perfect Easter weather. BUT..... it rained, hailed, blew hard and was quite chilly on Friday night (snow down to 4,000 ft) and Saturday March 19th morning - Race #1 day. Even so, many of the die hard racers had their boats prepared, their foulies out, and their lunches packed. The RC was willing and able, the RC boat (my power boat) was ready, gassed and had run for an hour at the docks on Friday evening, getting rid of the winter kinks and fouled points and plugs. My two 12V batteries were charged, the PA and horn systems tested and ready. I'd even sewed up two new "A" and "B" course flags for the starting sequences. All the marks were untangled and ready to go in the shed entryway.

But around 7am Saturday morning, as I was lowering the trailer axle to the ground from its winter chocks, the rain really started pouring down hard. The tall pines in my back yard swayed drastically. I called the race committee, asked them their opinion. Then called every racer I had phone numbers for (note: get everyone's number!) and the unanimous consensus was "postpone to a better day." The generally expressed and accepted reason for NOT RACING was having to rig the boats for the first time this year in a very wet and slippery parking lot, which turned out to be covered by hail right around 11am (I went up to retrieve the RC power boat left at SFL Friday night). So we wimped out and didn't race. But there were two folks I didn't reach that DID show up to race on a red Catalina 22! Sorry, no points for showing up if there wasn't a race.

We'll have to reschedule. Maybe even double up on the weekend of the second scheduled race (April 9th) with the first race the next day (Sunday, 4/10) --- but that will be AFTER this newsletter gets to your mailboxes. Only if I can contact every possible racer and get a consensus can we reschedule for April 10th..... else we'll look for another date before June 12th (the start of summer season).

Rain, rain go away. Little sailboats wanna play!

Jerry

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

**We've had a few new members join our club in the past few months. Unfortunately, I have not yet been able to meet them and write an article about them. But hopefully you will learn about them in our next newsletter.**

**For now, let's give a big welcome to:**

David and Anne Wallace

Gary and Cathy Dowd

Leslie Jacobson

Bill and Linda Maudra

Welcome to the Gold Country Yacht Club! If you have any questions about our club, please feel free to call me anytime.

## Secretaries Report -



### March 8,2005 Gold Country Yacht Club Board Meeting

Called to order by Commodore Bruce Cutshall;

Suggested by Bruce how to include more community involvement in club activities.

1. Opening day at Scott's Flat Lake Open House to be discussed at the General Meeting.
  2. Boat Parade on Fourth of July at Scott's Flat Lake.
  3. Fair Booth
- Suggestions for more exposure via Junior Sailing, KNCO Radio, The Union, and fliers. Will be shared with Beth Buti who is in charge of publicity.

Hugh Talman Port Captain presented plans for 2005 sailing

season.

1. Request members keep the storage building more organized. Need to reduce clutter by using the building only for club supplies.
2. Suggested a rack be placed on the outside of the building for storage of the Sunfish. Also a workbench in back of the shed for fix it projects.
3. This Year's projects finish the block work, Turn the flag pole into a Yard arm, Repair the Barge Mount the 15 horse-power motor on the barge, Hang burgees on the club house, make the Dinghy dock ready for use.
4. Book exchange box to storage building for the summer. Motion made to spend money for a rack for the shed by Bruce and second by Don Samuelson. \$150 dollar maximum. Meeting adjourned by Bruce Cutshall

### March 9,2005 Gold Country Yacht Club General Meeting

7:00 P.M. Meeting called to order by Commodore Bruce Cutshall.

Minutes read by Karen Fellows Secretary. Minutes approved as read.

Invitation to join Cutshall's in a cruise in Alameda June 17 – 20 . Contact Bruce if interested .

Suggested in ways to increase recognition for the club by Bruce Cutshall as suggested at the board meeting.

Jeff Lund Vice Commodore presented regatta plans

1. Sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help at the regatta.
  2. Tee Shirt competition for regatta 2005. Submit designs and a prize will be awarded for the winning design.
- A Catalina 22 is for sale contact Jeff Lund for details.

Treasurer Jean Cutshall encouraged members to renew their memberships before April.

Cruising Chairmen Announced the cruising schedules are on the club internet

1. March fleet 54 Potluck will count toward cruising points.
2. April Pacific Expo 13 – 17

Discuss with Don Samuelson about going on the whale watch.

Don Hare suggested a Potluck after the first race March 19 weather permitting.

Discussed Catalina 22 Nationals June 2006. Don Eagle is helping with marketing to other regions and fleets.

Jerry Lewis Race Chair. March 19<sup>th</sup> first race of the season. Dale Buchanan and Wayne Buti will be race committee. There will be new scoring for 2005 race season. High Point scoring will be more equitable to sailors. Requested a skippers meeting before races to discuss rules of race day. 10:30 before race will be the meeting.

Discussed and voted on racer or boat for score at club races. Voted and passed to score the boat during the Spring/Summer season. The boat must race ¾ of the season. Must race 4 of 6 of the races.

Beth Buti Publicity Chair passed membership cards to 2005 season paid members.

Hugh Talman sent a letter in his absence

1. Members must monitor the dinghy dock.
2. Kayak and El Toro in shed are club donations.
3. Discussed to put the El Toro up for auction. Motion made by Tish Buti to put the El Toro up for Bid by next meeting Motion passed.

Old flares will be burned off at Scott's Flat Lake Cleared by NID and Scott's Flat Lake, This will be done March 19<sup>th</sup> after the club race

**FOR SALE:** 1980 Catalina 30 Fin Keel, Wheel, Traditional Interior, MOB Pole, Macerator, and Life Sling. New Since 2003; Standing Rigging, Profurler, 130 RF Jib, Garmin GPSMAP 168 Sounder Chart/plotting Receiver-Depth Finder, Garhauer Traveller, 2 Deep Cycle Batteries, Battery Charger, Refrigerator, Microwave, Refrigerator, Interior Lights, Interior Cushions & Upholstery, Cockpit C-Cushions and stern SS Swim Ladder. \$18,900 OBO Lynn or Dale 530-470-0511

## Kids, get ready!

An announcement was made during one of the monthly GCYC meetings that the Club would sponsor 2 candidates to attend the Level 1 Instructor Course offered by US Sailing. Having recently moved to Nevada City from the L.A. area, I did not know if I could attend the course, but I decided to speak with Lynn Buchanan about it. Her response was wonderful. She was very enthusiastic about the possibilities of having someone assist her with the Junior Program. She generously offered her Catalina 30 as a place for me to stay the night. Her offer and enthusiasm got me going and I decided to look into it seriously.

Not having access to the internet at this time (as opposed to having the internet on 24/7 in my prior life), Lynn contacted me to let me know that the course was offered at the San Francisco Yacht Club in February. I only had a few days to register to make the deadline but, as a new member, I did not have a US Sailing membership to register on line. I called Beth and Tish Buti for assistance and they both got the ball rolling with US Sailing. I was able to register two days later. This club has great team work!

Having not worked with US Sailing before and with only less than a week from the course date, I did not know what to expect. Have you ever been to a far-away meeting and found out they never received your registration? I was pleasantly surprised. I first received an e-mail confirmation from the instructor, and 2 days before the course the infamous 4 inch package arrived.

Richard Feeny, the Junior Program Director for the San Francisco Yacht Club taught the class on the grounds of the club. I was in bliss and had to pinch myself a few times. There I was at the San Francisco Yacht Club on a sunny day, taking a sailing class to become a sailing instructor, which was paid by the GCYC and sponsored by US Sailing and we sat outside looking over the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay Bridge with Alcatraz between the Club and downtown San Francisco. If you were born and sailed most of your life outside of the US, it is a beautiful experience.

Richard was excellent and the US Sailing program was well organized. We were expected to have read all the material...well we had to act as if we had read all of the material. Overall, we did class room exercises, took 4-5 written tests, reviewed knots, rigging, motor boat and sail boat handling. Each candidate taught a section of a class, maneuvered a motor boat within the harbor as a boat handling skill test and sailed at the helm of a Flying Junior.

I loved it all. I can't wait to be with a group of kids at the club house, ready to learn how to sail and ultimately see them do some of these on the water: follow the leader, stop and go, tack on whistle, fig 8 tacking, fig 8 jibing, touch and go on mooring ball, overboard recovery, and capsized drill.

Ahh! Life is beautiful! Thank you GCYC for your support, great team work, and enthusiasm. To a wonderful 2005 and subsequent Junior programs!

Pierre Chatelain



*"Level 1 candidates present sailing topics to each other. Class took place outside and in the original Yacht Club building, where the picture was taken".*

# ***SUMMER ADVENTURE***

## **LEARN TO SAIL A SUNFISH SAILBOAT**

**AT SCOTTS FLAT LAKE WITH THE**

**GOLD COUNTRY YACHT CLUB JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM**

**FOR STUDENTS AGE 8 TO 18**

**JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY - SWIM TEST (25 yards) AND PARENT ORIENTATION  
12:30 TO 2:30 P.M. AT CLUB SIERRA FITNESS CENTER, G.V.

JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> TO JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> ON THE WATER CLASS AT SCOTTS FLAT LAKE  
10:30 - 4:00 P.M.

**COST IS \$125.00 PER FAMILY FOR ONE STUDENT (deduct \$65.00 if already a GCYC member) WHICH INCLUDES:**

GCYC FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

US SAILING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

US SAILING/AMERICAN RED CROSS *START SAILING RIGHT* TEXTBOOK

US SAILING *RACING RULES OF SAILING* BOOK

TRAINING HANDOUTS

ADDITIONAL STUDENTS PER FAMILY @ \$60.00 PER STUDENT

**CLASS IS TAUGHT BY CERTIFIED US SAILING DINGHY INSTRUCTORS WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATES. CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 12 STUDENTS. STUDENTS WILL LEARN THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO CARE FOR AND SINGLE HAND A SMALL SAILBOAT. CONTACT LYNN BUCHANAN AT 530-470-0511 OR E-MAIL: [LYNN@SAILYNN.COM](mailto:LYNN@SAILYNN.COM)**

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## April 2005

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## May 2005

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*General Meeting April 13th 7:00pm  
Larry & Lena's Pizza -Alta Sierra*

*April 9th - 2nd Race Spring Series  
April 17th—3rd race Spring Series*

*General Meeting May 11th 7:00pm  
At this writing—Larry & Lena's Pizza -Alta Sierra  
May 1st - 4th Race Spring Series  
May 14- 5thrd race Spring Series  
May 15—6th race Spring Series*

**ATTENTION: OUR MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE AT Larry & Lena's  
Pizza .**



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