



Gold Country Yacht Club

... a little dinghy

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Soundings From The Poop-deck Commodore Bruce Cutshall

Wind from Willow

Happy New Year, it is the start of a new season of racing, cruising, and just plain messing about with our boats. It is also a new beginning for me as your commodore, which comes with new challenges and goals to move our club forward. I have asked the board to report back to me in our next board meeting their individual goals that pertain to the club, and I would like all of our members to do the same. What kind of things would you like to see the club doing, are there other fund raising opportunities, let us all work together and continue on what has been wonderful tradition of growth.

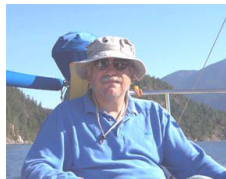
The regatta is coming and Beth Buti and Jeff Lund will be heading this effort up, they will need help so don't be shy.

We have also set our event calendar, which should be published by the time you read this.

There is one thing that I feel needs attention, and this is that as a club we have not nominated a sportsman of the year award for the last 2 years. Surely within our group we have someone that would qualify for this award.

Well the breezes are light and there isn't much wind in Willows sails so I will see everyone at our first club meeting and thank you for this opportunity to lead the Gold Country Yacht Club forward in the tradition of our past commodores.

Bruce Cutshall



Vice Commodore -Jeffery Lund

I would like to start out by saying that this is going to be a great year and I am looking forward to seeing what Bruce has up his sleeve. It's good to have a capable person at the helm and our club has been very fortunate with all of our commodores over the years. I know that Bruce has some great ideas because I've talked with him. You should too!

Well, our first board meeting is history and Jerry had some great ideas on how to make our racing challenging and a lot of fun at the same time. I think the racers are going to be pretty busy keeping up with the schedule this year. Congratulations to Mike & Jean as GCYC's newest rising stars on the racing circuit. Good luck this year too.

We who prefer a little slower pace are always on the prowl for cruising buds. I would love to see someone take the "ship by to pulpit" and plan a cruise for several days that a lot of skippers will join. Where could we go? What would we do? Let's come up with some ideas and get them to our cruising chairman.

Jeff Lund V.C.

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Membership/Publicity***Chairperson Beth Buti*****Happy New Year to all old and new members!**

Last year we had so many new members join our club. It was fun getting to know all of you and we hope everyone renews their membership and continues on in our club for another exciting year of racing, cruising, barbecuing, and just hanging out with fellow sailors.

Dues for existing members: \$65**Dues for new members: \$75****(first year only, see membership form)**

Please fill out the membership form in this month's newsletter and bring it to the meeting with a check. Or send it to the address on the form.

We are all looking forward to an exciting 2005. If you have any questions, or know others who may be interested in joining, please contact Beth Buti. 273-5911

Words to the Wise***Don Samuelson*****I.R.A. Reader or How I Learned to Love the Box**

Well, when I have some time I R A Reader. And, I thought that by reviewing some of the books I have read and posting them in the Club's newsletter it might get some of you to read some of the books that are in **THE BOX** that Jeremy and Carrie keep under the bed in their guest room. You know **THE BOX as the Club's** library. But, I like to refer to it as **THE BOX**. No, you don't have to go to their house and look under the bed to get a book. Jeremy usually brings **THE BOX** to the monthly meetings.

As a side note here, it would be nice if some of you who have taken and read books **from THE BOX** think about returning them to **THE BOX** so that others have a chance to read a good book or two. While I think about that, if you have a good boating related book that you have read you might want to donate it to **THE BOX** too. Hey, we might even **end up with two or three BOXES under the bed** in Jeremy and Carrie's guest bedroom. I digress.

Now, to the review. This last summer Jo Lynn and I were up in South Puget Sound to do some cruising with our good buddies Kent and Kris Stellby. They used to live here in Grass Valley but now live in Anacortes Washington. Kent used to crew for me on Mo Bettah. He was great crew. He used to scuba dive a lot and also had a license to teach that stuff. After studying many hours and doing lots of boating he also obtained his captains license from the U.S. Coast Guard's licensing program. Now he drives a ferry up in Puget Sound. He used to be a Ferrier when he lived here. Now he's a Ferrier driving a ferry. How about that! I digress.

Any way, while we were cruising with Kent and Kris we decided to sail up to Poulsbo, a neat little Scandinavian tourist town with a good marina. While walking around the town one morning I went into a used book store. And in less than ten minutes I had five great books to buy. I had to stop looking or I'm sure I would have bought more. They were all used, cheap, and out of print but great books none the less. When we were relaxing during the rest of the cruise (Isn't that what you are supposed to do when you cruise?) I read this interesting book authored by a guy named Captain Voss. At the turn of the century, 1900 not 2000, he decided to sail around the world in an Indian canoe with a sail on it. That's right a sailing Indian canoe. Well, he started from (Dam,

I've run out of space. I'll have to finish this review next month.)

Editors note....literally..... ↓

Racing News

Race Chairman-Jerry Lewis



Think Slow, Race Fast

First of all, there are new rules of racing in effect for 2005. I hope you've received your copy from US Sailing (automatically sent if you are a member) and have reviewed the finer points that differ from the old rules. Mainly, they put the onus on the boat with the right of way to use that right safely, with advanced notice to others (no quick moves, leave room for the give-way boat to keep clear, etc.).

Secondly, we're compressing the Spring and Summer race seasons somewhat so we can finish with the Overall Championship series by early August. Then if the lake level goes too low for the docks to be in the water (making keel boat launching difficult), we'll be finished already. But for those that want to continue sailing, even in the lower water, we're adding a Dinghy Fun for Fall Series that runs from early August to early October and does not count toward the Overall (remember, it's just for fun!).

Thirdly, the scoring will be based on the Appendix, Long Series High Point scoring in the back of the Racing Rules book which rewards attendance and performance. You get scored by how many boats you beat on the race course. If there are 10 boats in the race and you finish first, you get ten points. If last, you get only 1 point. No more having to score DNC numbers that change from race to race (making my job as race chair a lot easier) when you miss a race. And no unduly rewarded scores for last place because you showed up on a lightly attended day versus the boat that finished last but showed up on a heavily attended day (the former could get a low-scoring number like 5 while the later would have a low-score number of 12, both sailing equally poorly but the former gets 7 points extra credit for showing up on small fleet day).

And finally, we'll be setting stricter guidelines for scoring of boats and/or skippers. We've always been a bit informal in this, allowing folks to use a different boat when the water level fell or if theirs was 'in the shop' or letting crew drive when the skipper wasn't available so they could get anything other than a big DNC number. We'll be discussing this at upcoming meetings. Let me know your opinion: score the boat? Or score the skipper/crew teams?

Stay tuned.

Spring Series

19-Mar Saturday
9-Apr Saturday
17-Apr Sunday
1-May Sunday
14-May Saturday
15-May Sunday

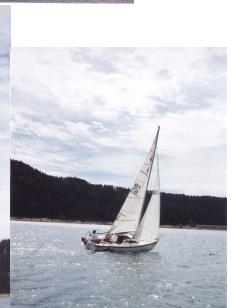
Summer Series

12-Jun Sunday
25-Jun Saturday
16-Jul Saturday
17-Jul Sunday
30-Jul Saturday
7-Aug Sunday

Spring and Summer combine for Overall Championship

Fun for Fall (dinghies only) Fun for Fall (dinghies only)

20-Aug Saturday
28-Aug Sunday
10-Sep Saturday
18-Sep Sunday
1-Oct Saturday
9-Oct Sunday



Secretaries Report - Board Meeting January 4,



Meeting brought to order by Commodore Bruce Cutshall.

Wayne Buti asked that the club make a presentation bid to host the 2006

Nationals for Catalina 22's at Scott's Flat Lake. It would be held the week after the Gold Country Regatta Monday through Thursday June 17-22, 2006. This event would require full club participation to have a successful event. The event could host as many as 30 to 80 boats. It would be sponsored by local and National business and the Catalina National Association .

The minimum number of members to run a successful event would be 12 each day of the event. Duties covered each day would be barge committee, crash boats, working boats, dock workers and meals. Motion to host the Nationals in 2006 by Jeff Lund and second by Mike Hauser.

This will be presented to the General Membership for discussion.

The calendar of 2005 events presented by Jerry Lewis for all racing schedules. (See Racing)

April 13-17 Boat Show at Jack London Square.

Officer Reports:

Vice Commodore Jeff Lund

Will start preparing for June Go For The Gold Regatta 2005

Secretary Karen Fellows

No Report

Treasurer Jean Cutshall

2005 Membership Dues now due.

Cruising Chairman Don Samuelson and Gary Wade

Not Present

Port Captain Hugh Talman

Discussion of Catalina Nationals

Publicity and Membership Chairman Beth Buti

Will begin preparation for Go For The Gold Regatta 2005

Newsletter Editor Mike Hauser

Articles Needed for the Newsletter.

Junior Sailing Chairman Lynn Buchanan Not Present

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 PM by Commodore Bruce Cutshall

Letters From the Editors

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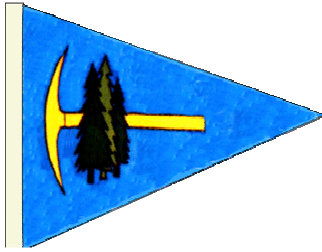
. A...P...L...S...B... and...finally, NMMM ...just kidding folks....

Want to see nothing but really boring race photos every month??

Heck no Mr. & Mrs. Editorship! We want cruising photos! We want Party Photos! We want trip photos!

Each one of you will, hopefully, have an on the water experience this year. Whether it's sailing on your yacht, skiing behind the Brindella, chartering in the Caribbean or simply sipping a brew with your line and toes in the water. We want your photo story.

Get your photos & story to Mike or Jean as hard copies or files. Call us with questions at 273.8835 or e mail mike@gvblueprint.com.



Gold Country Yacht Club 2005 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 No.: _____

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 Jr. Sailing Program Other _____

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

Racing Tactics Racing Rules Sail Trim Rigging Other _____

What other hobbies do you have? _____ How did you hear about us? _____

Regular/Renewal membership is \$65.00 per year and includes monthly newsletter, discounts and participation in all club activities.

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

Supporting membership is \$35 and includes the 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* _____ \$10.00 _____ 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 risks involved.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: **Gold Country Yacht Club**

Dues and other correspondence should be mailed to:

**Gold Country Yacht Club
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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). GCYC receives a \$10 credit for each new membership for purchase of items through US SAILING if you join by April 1st. 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 by April 1, remaining \$65 due by June 1 (\$5 service charge included).

*RBOC stands for Recreational Boaters of California.

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*General Meeting January 12th 7:00pm
Larry & Lena's Pizza -Alta Sierra*

February 2005

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*General Meeting February 9th 7:00pm
Larry & Lena's Pizza -Alta Sierra*

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



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