

# Gold Country Yacht Club

## ... a little dinghy

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- *Bounty Paid !*
- *Words to the Wise*
- *Racing gets underway*



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## ***Soundings From The Poop-deck***



### Wind from Willow

May is here and maybe the weather will break soon and we can all get back to doing what we love to do best ,sail. I am still doing varnish on Willow and haven't gotten a break in the weather. I miss my boat on the trailer.

The boat show was great I didn't see a lot of members there but know that a lot of you went great show.

Two reminders, if you haven't renewed your membership do it now, if you haven't signed up for a job for the regatta do it now get a hold of Jeff and help him out.

We have one more meeting at the pizza parlor then we are back at the lake.

We will see you at the next meeting. Bruce



### ***Vice Commodore -Jeffery Lund***

The Club needs the following volunteer positions filled for the June 4th & 5th "Go for the Gold" regatta. Call me if you can help!

Master of Ceremonies...Games, Raffle, Auction, and sailing stories.

Launch Ramp

Protest Committee

Safety / Ferry Boats

BBQ Cook Meat

***At Our Helm******Words to the Wise******Don Samuelson*****Commodore***Bruce Cutshall 477-1709**bruce@compprepco.com***Vice Commodore***Jeff Lund 477.1208**jeff@sierranetworks.com***Secretary***Karen Fellows 273-7424***Treasurer***Jean Cutshall 477.1709**bruce@compprepco.com***Cruise Chairmen***Don Samuelson-Gary Wade***Publicity/Membership***Beth Buti 273.5911**bcbuti@yahoo.com***Port Captain***Hugh Talman 272.2344***Race Chairman***Jerry Lewis 272.9380**jerryl@editware.com***Newsletter Editors***Mike & Jean Hauser 273.8835**mike@gvblueprint.com***Junior Sailing***Lynn Buchanan 470-0511**lynn@sailynn.com***Lazy-boy Musings**

Ok, this review is for those who are thinking about going or are going sailing in the Pacific Northwest. We have been up there a zillion times in the summer. And it is wonderful, easy sailing. In fact, because of the light winds and some tidal currents you often do a fair amount of motoring. We usually go up there for the last two weeks of July or the first two weeks of August. That's when the weather is really nice.

There was one time though in 1988 that my two daughters and I took Mo Bettah up there for more than five weeks. You see, my oldest daughter, Leslie, was getting her Masters in Environmental Biology and her thesis was replicating a cricket study that had been done some twenty-five years earlier. Each day we would sail to a new location, put out little piles of oatmeal on the land trails, and come back at night with our "head lights" on and .... But I digress.

One of the first books you have to read before you go to The San Juans, Princess Louis Inlet, or where ever up there is entitled The Curve of Time, by M. Wylie Blanchet. This memoir of a woman and her children exploring the Pacific Northwest waters has become an absolute classic. You really get a feel for the place after reading this book. It is a MUST. By the way, this and the other books I mention can be found at amazon.com and should find their way into your own personal library.

Next you have your "gunkholing" books. You've got Gunkholing in the San Juans, Desolation Sound, Princess Louis Inlet, South Puget Sound, etc..etc. The books are written by Al Cummings and Jo Bailey-Cummings. Over the years these two have dropped the hook in every anchorage or tied up at every marina slip in the entire place. They give you very precise info on approaches to each "gunkhole" as well as historical and other interesting info on each location you will visit. These books are a MUST too.

And finally a few others just to round out this review; The San Juan Islands, by Marge and Ted Mueller; Exploring the San Juan and Gulf Islands, by Don Douglass and Reanne Hemingway-Douglass; Desolation Sound and the Discovery Islands, by Bill Wolferstan; and Crow's Nest Views of South Puget Sound Destinations, by Robert Vinton. A number of these books have GPS info for exact waypoints to load into your GPS computers. Of course being about three generations behind the current one, I still use the old paper charts.

Well that's it for this time. It is time to get back on the water and enjoy this warm weather. So I'll let you other sailors fill these "Little Dinky" pages with your articles on racing and cruising until the cold of winter settles in again. Then I'll relax in the old bark-o-lounge, make sure my feet are facing the warm fire, read another book or two, and let you know what I think of them.

A Bark-o-lounger

**Letters From the Editors***Mike & Jean Hauser*

One would think it's a snap to keep all the membership material current. It's not. Like Uncle Sam, we've got an all volunteer Army at G.C.Y.C. and it takes awhile to get everything firing on all cylinders. The Club's IT people have attacked our Cray 2510 Zenon mainframe, modified it with new RAM and performed needed software updates. The mailing list should be up to date and all you wonderful new members should be getting a news letter and kept in the loop. If one of you knows someone who is not ....and they've paid up for 2005...get a hold of me.. Biff Barf the news guy at G.C.Y.C. World headquarters 30th floor... at mike@gvblueprint.com. (Cray & HQ tours on the 3rd Friday of the month **only**)

I know it can't be said too much in this news letter so I'll add my two cents.... The Go for the Gold Regatta happens on June 4th & 5th at Scott's Flat Lake. We'd love to have you come race or fast cruise with us. If you don't race, come support your Club by volunteering to help or at the very least make a showing and do some smoozing. Good first time event for new members! We need to show the community and N.I.D. just how great G.C.Y.C is and what we mean to Nevada County. Come on...I'll get your mug in the News Letter !

Mike &amp; Jean

## *Port Captain's Corner*

*Ahoy from Hugh*

*Port Captain Hugh Talman*

I'm happy to report that Doug Epperson and Jeremy Gicker repaired the barge and launched it. It is now on the mooring ball and ready for the next race. Thank you, Doug and Jeremy.

I would like some input on a couple of projects I've been wanting to start—building a work bench in our shed and a rack outside for our Sunfish. If you have any ideas, tools or time to donate, give me a call.

We will have a "Get the Season Started" work party ***Saturday, May 21st at 9:00am***. To get the Club-house and shed cleaned up, and also one to get the Sunfish ready for the junior sailors. One of the major projects we'll be working on is the picnic tables. We need to sand and seal them. So, if you have an electric sander please bring it. We could also use a couple of extension cords. The club will supply the materials (sandpaper, sealer and brushes) and lunch (hamburgers, chips and drinks). I'll have a sign-up sheet at the meeting, and I'll be looking for volunteers. See you there.

Hugh

**Tools! Tools! Donate your extra Sears Craftsman Tools!      Tools! Tools! Donate your extra Sears Craftsman Tools!**



***Membership/Publicity***

***Chairperson Beth Buti***

## **Meet Our Members!!!**

We had two new members join our club this past month. Please welcome:

Michael Fitzwater and Kathryn Eldredge  
and

Susan Murphy and David Niedziejko

Here's a bit about one of our recent new members:

**Name:** Bill & Linda Maudru

**Type of Boat:** Hobie 21 SC

**Reason for Joining:** Sharing the love of sailing.

**Racing Background:** Hold or held numerous multihull sailing records

**Cruising Background:** Mexico, San Juans, Hawaii

**Other interests, hobbies, things you'd like to share:** Bill is a polymer chemist who specializes in plastics, fabrications etc.

Welcome to the Gold Country Yacht Club! If you have any questions about our club, please feel free to call me. A welcome packet will be coming to all of the new members during the next week.

**Secretaries Report - Karen Fellows**



**April 13,2005 Gold Country Yacht Club General Meeting 2005**

Meeting called to order by Bruce Cutshall Commodore 7:00 P.M.  
June Meeting 2005 will be at the GCYC club house at Scott's Flat Lake.]

Sites for the Nationals are reserved for the racers. Contact Scott's Flat Lake to reserve you site. Minutes approved as read in the newsletter.

Treasurer report Membership forms are available for late members....Junior sailing registration forms are available . Date for Junior Sailing program June 26 – 30 and another in July as needed....Cruising Next Cruise is Pacific Sail Expo. Cruising points are available for those who attend....Jeremy Gicker announced the library is ready for those who want to check out books. Jeremy will organize the race in April as Jerry is out of town Contact Jeremy if you plan to race.....May 21st will be a work day at the lake to ready for the 2005 club events. There will be a barbecue following the work party. Please keep the storage shed neat and tidy. There is still a need for good tools for the club toolbox. ....Newsletter Chairman is requesting more articles for the newsletter. Please have articles to the newsletter chairman by the last weekend of each month.....Vice Commodore Jeff Lund \_Presented the regatta update for June 2005 Regatta Committee are Pierre, Jeff, Pat Andrews and Beth. Registrations were sent to 240 individuals and 35 yacht clubs. Plans are moving along and there is a good turnout of club volunteers. The regatta tee shirt contest for design will be judged at the next general meeting with a prize for the winning design. It is the goal of the club to have smooth running races at the regatta. There may be training for the race committee by race chairman Jerry Lewis.....It is Suggested by Pierre to have a Plexiglas case for bulletins....Also suggested to use the sun-fish for the Fourth of July Float....There is a raffle prize tonight buy your tickets to help support the club events.

Meeting adjourned by Commodore Bruce Cutshall 7:50 P.M.

Can you Identify the New Members? How about the ones that thought this was a Board of Supervisors Meeting?



Next General Meeting  
May 11th at Larry & Lena's Pizza ...7:00pm



Finally. The weather's cooperating and race dates April 9, April 17 and May 1 had 4, 6, and 6 boats respectively. The April 17 date had STRONG winds while the May 1st date had VERY variable winds (none, strong, shifting every 3 minutes, then switched the opposite direction for a final downwind finish). The High Point Scoring System seems to be working, rewarding those that show up and perform well. We need more folks on the line to know for sure. The lake's full, the weather's nice - get the boat to the lake!

Next race is a TWO-FER: that means both Saturday and Sunday will have races for May 14 (RC: Mike & Jean Hauser) and May 15th (RC: Lynn Buchanan and John Palmer). It would be great if we could have a BBQ on Saturday evening, May 14th after the racing that day. Hopefully many boats will come out to race and others will come in to enjoy the evening socializing. Don't miss this weekend. A real chance to get in a lot of racing and great preparation for the upcoming regattas at Whiskeytown (May 28-29) and Gold Country (June 4-5).

Hope to see you on the water May 14 and May 15. And I'm hoping we can reschedule Race 1 (which was rain/hailed out) for Saturday or Sunday May 21 or 22. Discussion at the next meeting.

Wishing all your shifts are lifts,  
Jerry

### Spring Series #2 Totals

SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	BOAT	PHRF	#4	#5	#6	Total
183	Gicker/Bennett	CP22	CP22-183	216	4	4	3	11
155	Lewis	CP22	Kudzu	216	3	3	4	10
101	Bringolf	SS20	Williwa	246	1	2	2	5
467	Dowd	CP18	Irresistible	286	2	1	1	4

### Spring Series #3 Totals

SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	BOAT	PHRF	#7	#8	#9	Total
94	Andrews	U20	Salsa	150	4	6	6	16
183	Gicker/Bennett	CP22	CP22-183	210	5	4	5	14
101	Bringolf	SS20	Williwa	246	3	5	4	12
182	Dowd	CP18	Irresistible	286	2	3	3	8
???	unknown	Buc18	unknown	195	1	2	1	4
???	unknown	L14	unknown	268	0	1	2	3

### Spring Series #4 Totals

SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	BOAT	PHRF	#10	#11	#12	Total
94	Andrews	U20	Salsa	150	6	5	6	17
183	Gicker/Bennett	CP22	CP22-183	210	3	6	5	14
155	Lewis	CP22	Kudzu	210	4	4	4	12
6759	Samuelson	C22	MoBettah	276	5	3	3	11
61	Hauser	CP22	RollerCoaster	216	2	2	2	6
182	Dowd	CP18	Irresistible	286	1	1	1	3

# ***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

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ADDITIONAL STUDENTS PER FAMILY @ \$60.00 PER STUDENT

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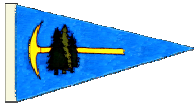
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

June 2005						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

*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*  
*May 21st Work Party at the Club House*

*General Meeting June 1 at Scott's Flat Lake*  
*Go for the Gold Regatta June 4th*  
*June 12th -7th Race Summer Series*  
*June 25th- 8th Race Summer Series*

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



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