

Gold Country Yacht Club



... a little dinghy

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*Past Commodore
Offers Caribbean
Cruise*

*All the Talman news
that's fit to print*

*More Swell Regatta
stuff*



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Soundings From The Poop-deck

DON'T FORGET – THE MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE AT THE CLUB HOUSE AT THE LAKE September 13th



Wow what a summer! I have to apologize for missing the last two meetings but I was having way too much fun. During the first two weeks of July Pat and I took some time off to relax in our favorite place, Lake Tahoe. Each day was filled with important things like getting up late and having a slow leisurely breakfast. Then maybe we would go for a hike or a sail if the wind was just right. We had friends come to sail with us and finished up our stay with club members for a tree day Tahoe cruise. Then it was off to the Florida Keys for the first two weeks of August. I was one of eight leaders and scouts who flew into Key West and kayaked out to Big Munson Is. For five days of camping, snorkeling, fishing and kayaking fun. After completing our Florida Sea Base adventure we stopped at the Everglades Nat. Park and then on to Kennedy Space Center. I kind of feel guilty taking all that time off... NOT! Believe it or not it is nice to be home. Too much time with teenagers can warp a persons mind.

Now for the **IMPORTANT STUFF**, I had a chance to visit with Peggy at SFL and I thought that an update would be helpful. **This month when you come to the meeting on Sept 13th at the club house @ SFL you will not have to pay to get through the gate. However, you will need your current membership card (or season pass) if you don't want to pay.** Any guests who show up will be given a guest card and asked to give it to the Commodore or the Secretary at the meeting. A word of caution – if you are not a season pass holder you will be charge at the gate if you bring in a boat with you or if you stay to “play” after the meeting. I will be in further communication with Peggy regarding gate protocol for next year and will keep you all informed. Come to the meeting and I will fill you in on the other issues we discussed. You may like what you hear.

See you at the meeting.

Vice Commodore –Pierre Chatelain



Happy Sailing

At Our Helm***Port Captain's Corner - Port Captain Dave Cowell*****Commodore**

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I've finally arrived at that hallowed status of sailors. I now have a seaworthy boat capable of off-shore cruising. She's a beauty too! Thirty feet of sleek powerful yacht. Only now that I've finished grinding her hull and sealing, painting the anti-fouling, re-wiring the mast, re-wiring the engine, re-wiring everything in sight, and putting all the rigging in order, now I have to ask myself if I'm up to the task of skippering her. We all have some degree of experience and training and except for those that have commercial licenses and are certified transport captains we seldom have to concern ourselves with "the letter of the law" as it pertains to our boating activities since we're usually on the pond. A change of course and a shake of the head is all we do for that wretch that doesn't know the rules of the road, doesn't know that sailboats rule.

Where am I going with this? I recently took the pre-test of the California Boating Safety Course on line. You can find it at <http://www.boat-ed.com/>. It's a chance for you to see how much you know in a non-threatening environment. If it was the real test I would have passed and received my certificate. But I didn't do as well as I thought I would, so I'm going back to school. There were actually some questions I was in doubt about. Vessel meeting questions. Hmmm.

So it's time to sharpen the pencil and crack the books and re-visit some of the facts drilled into me way back in college. Yea, college. I was in NROTC and we had classes on this stuff. It's probably time to get re-acquainted with Dutton's, Chapman et al too. I wonder if the volumes I have are too old. There're also a couple of courses offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary coming up soon. The Boating Skills and Seamanship course is the 13th Sep to 3rd Nov in Carmichael, and the Basic Coastal Navigation course comes the 8th Nov to the 15th. If anyone is interested in joining me and carpooling then give me a call at 272-3209.

Then again all my boating accidents seem to happen on dry land. Maybe it's a karma thing or a hint I shouldn't come ashore. Hope you've had a good and safe summer.

Hasta,

Dave.



Since they are on a boat...and away from Nevada County....this makes the "Cruise News"

Hi Jeff,

Sorry its taken us so long to thank you for the very nice going away party and the great gifts. The plaque is beautiful we have it mounted in a prominent place in our new boat (see attached photo), and the picture collage is so special full of wonderful memories. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. We really appreciate it.

We're settling in here in So Cal. The boat is great, and we're getting ready for our first "offshore" trip to Catalina the end of this month. We love our slip in Oceanside and are on a waiting list for a liveaboard slip, which could take 2 to3 years. Until then we're working part time and fixing up our house in Sun City. Nicki's mom is doing okay and we're enjoying semi-retirement.

Our current slip is on a dock right in front of the Oceanside Yacht Club. They don't belong to PICYA (guess that's just a Northern California thing?) so we don't have true reciprocals, but they are a very friendly bunch and are trying to get us to join. We tell them we already belong to a great yacht club, thank you, and won't be joining theirs any time soon. But we have met a lot of nice people in the marina.

Please be sure to tell everyone hi for us and pass along an open invitation to visit us on our new boat (island Girl, Catalina 42) in Oceanside. Here is our new information: Hugh & Nicki Talman, 25760 Hartwick Rd., Sun City, CA 92586, Phone: (951)3017169; cell (530) 613 5366. E-mail: htalman@gotnetnet (your latest address list had a really old email address). We look forward to reading the Little Dinghy and hope to receive a published members information book (or whatever you're calling it) soon.

Thanks again, Jeff.

Hugh & Nicki

P.S. I'm also attaching that picture of the sign for the life jacket program that you wanted.





Membership/Publicity - Chairperson Dave Bloch

I received an updated membership list from Treasurer Jean Cutshall this week, so it must be time for me to do a Membership Report.

We have 52 families in the GCYC at the moment, which is down some from last year. But there's good news, too quite a few new members, including several who joined over the summer. I hope the new folks are having fun and getting to know other Club members. If there's anything I can do to help you get the most out of your membership, please don't hesitate to Email me: dave@sierrabusiness.net.

Meanwhile, our learning-to-sail summer has continued unabated. Our new little 1974 West Wight Potter 14 keeps getting "It's so cute! What is it?" comments everywhere we go. We have now had her out on Scotts Flat Lake with a pretty nice breeze, up at Lake Tahoe with not the slightest bit of wind, and Lake Valley Reservoir (off I-80 at the Yuba Gap exit), which was great. The photo shows the Potter beached at Lake Valley, a nice capability offered by her almost-flat hull and retractable centerboard. We're still trying to decide whether to rename her. Her current name, Reverie, was sanded off and painted over a couple of owners ago, but, since we were able to decipher it, we figure a full renaming ceremony will still be required to change it. Some more sailing will be required before deciding if Reverie really fits her.



See you all at the September meeting!
--Dave

For Sale
Capri 22
\$3500
Contact Chris Buti for specs and information.
530-273-5911

FOR SALE: 1974 O'Day 20 sailboat. Great "learning" boat; comfortable V-berth; cabin with benches, cabinet and sink; cushions for cabin and cockpit; other extras. Anti-fouling paint job by KKMI in Richmond this spring; full inertia braking system installed on trailer in 2005. Asking \$3,500 o.b.o. ALSO: 2006 Mercury 8HP outboard motor. Purchased this February, has probably less than 2 running hours on it. Asking \$1,500, o.b.o. Details and photos of the boat and motor are at [www.bviyachtcharters.com](#). (Purchase the boat, and you can even have the domain name!) Call Dave

Enjoy the warm turquoise waters and consistent trade winds of the Caribbean with Gary and Dale Miller aboard their cruising cat "Sognare". Gary was a member and commodore of Gold Country Yacht Club in the early years and for the past 5 years he and his wife Dale have been running charters in the Caribbean. They would love to share the British Virgin Islands with you aboard their 45 foot Leopard Catamaran - "SOGNARE" italian - to dream. They are available for fully crewed charters or if you have the qualifications, you can bareboat Sognare. Check out their boat at www.bviyachtcharters.com Any further questions call: 477-7357 or 913-6405 913-5469





Kudos... Kudos...and more Kudos

Well...we may argue about how to do them, but in the end the wagons get circled and the job gets done.

These are comments from one of the Catalina 22 participants. Take a read and remember to say thanks to the Gold Country Catalina 22 National Regatta crew. They staged a wonderful event....

Jeff,

I want to take a minute to tell you how much I enjoyed the recent Catalina 22 Nationals at Scott's Flat Lake. Don Hare, Lynn and Dale Buchanan, Trish and Wayne Buti and everyone else we met from your host club went out of their way to make sure that all the attendees had a good time. The evenings at the pavilion tables were a great time to swap sailing stories and laugh about the day's events. This added a really nice touch to the camaraderie and spirit of the regatta. I was impressed with the race officer, Jerry Lewis he did a fantastic job of running the races. He waited until the wind came up, then he got the races going as fast as possible. I loved the offset mark at the weather mark and the gate at the leeward mark, too.

My son and I camped at the lake for the regatta, so we experienced that aspect of Scott's Flat Lake also. The campsite personnel and the store operator were gracious and helpful. All in all, I think all your members did your club proud. Thank you again for such a good regatta.

Tom Page

Catalina 22 Late Start

September 2006

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Labor Day September 4th
Board Meeting September 5th
General Meeting September 13th
Racing September 10th & 30th

October 2006

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Board Meeting October 3rd
Racing October 8th
General Meeting October 11th

ATTENTION: OUR MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE AT :Scotts Flat Lake
September 13th -7:00pm . Meeting Members A-H bring a Desert...Members I-Z
bring a side dish to share...Everyone is responsible for their own main dish....!



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