

Gold Country Yacht Club

... a little dinghy

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Special Points
Of Interest

- ◆ **53rd Bull Ship Race Announced**
- ◆ **Volunteer News**
- ◆ **It's time to Renew!**

Soundings From The Poop-deck Commodore Jeff Lund

Hi Everyone,



It's time for a few more thoughts from the scarier region of my mind where only the brave dare to go. I walked out of the house this weekend and took a look at Brooke (my 2nd best friend – I'm trying to be careful here) and began to have that unmistakable feeling of depression we all experience this time of year. I could just imagine the sound of the wind in the sails and the rush of the water along the side of the hull. As I stood there I kept wondering and hoping, could it be real, NOT! Ok I'll just stay depressed and realize that I have a couple more months of hibernation to live through. I'm not kidding, I found myself checking out warm and tropical places Sunday night on the Internet. My God! What's next? I'll just have to stand a little closer to the wood stove and keep on dreaming.



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Both of the Jan & Feb Board meetings were a marathon of great ideas. Enthusiasm can be infectious so be prepared. Some of the upcoming events this year will be a lot of work but I know that we can do great things if we all chip in. The Catalina Nationals are coming along and Don Hare is the man with all the info. Be sure to let him know how you can help. I am also pleased to tell you that our Vice Commodore Pierre Chatelain has jumped in to take the lead for the "Go for The Gold" regatta (what a guy). He will be helped by a very competent committee made up of Bill & Pat Andrews and Mike & Jean Hauser. Jerry Lewis, with his typical enthusiasm, presented us with the upcoming race schedule and is also looking into a local lakes racing circuit. It sounds like a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other clubs in the area. All of the board members have been working hard on the new membership form and Dave Bloch has done a super job setting it up. You can find it in the newsletter or on our website. Don't forget to fill in all of the information; believe it or not, we really do plan to use it. By the way, dues for 2006 are due by April so don't dawdle. Finally, it looks like the new membership booklet is going to be a reality. With a little bit of planning and some wizardry from Dave Bloch and Mike Hauser we should be sailing home with our own copy before long.

Definition of the Month

Sailing: The fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense.

See you at the Meeting!

Inside this issue:

Vice Commodore –Pierre Chatelain



I would like to introduce the new members of two teams to you. The following members have volunteered to participate in the Crow's Nest: Jeremy Gicker, Hugh Talman, Barbara Seibert, and Scott Muir. I believe this group will provide great support to the Board of Directors and you, the members, as it has experience in past commodoreship, racing, cruising, and great experiences with other organizations. The objectives of the group are to support the Board of Directors in providing further research before decisions are made and to facilitate the communication of new ideas within the club membership to the Board of Directors. I would like to provide two examples of what this group has done so far. The first one was a request from Mike and Jean Hauser (Board members) to create a Club Member Handbook, which would include a membership directory. The Crow's Nest took the task of identifying the other items which would need to be included, and just to name a few, would include: Club Bylaws, boat directory, calendar, Go For the Gold information, and trophy information. Who knows how many trophies the Club awards and what the criteria are? What are the job description of the Board of Directors? What is the phone number of the person sitting next to you at the meeting? What do they sail? What activities has the Club planned for the month of June? How can I rent a Sunfish? Can I leave my boat overnight at Scotts Flat Lake without paying? (the answer to the last one is "no"). The handbook will provide the kind of information that

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It's Membership Renewal time! Time to send in your annual dues that keep our Club afloat.

We have a brand new membership form enclosed in this issue of the Newsletter. Please take a few minutes NOW to fill that out and send in your check. Although the deadline doesn't come up until March 31, wouldn't you like to have this out of the way? Just drop your check and form in the mail, or bring it to the February meeting. The form will also be available online at www.gcyc.net.

You may not realize it, but it can be a big help to your Board of Directors to know early-on what our membership revenues will be. We're making decisions right now on financial priorities for this year; there are probably articles from other Board members about some of those in this very issue. But we're not the IRS, so please don't wait until the last minute!

Meanwhile, I'm beginning to digest the Membership/Publicity materials inherited from Beth, and discussing more with other Board members how we might streamline or otherwise improve our processing (and welcoming!) of new members. Those of us directly involved in those processing tasks should be communicating frequently over the next several weeks to see what we can do better.

Catalina 250 wing keel, 9.9 Honda, trailer, 135 roller furling genoa, solid vang, lines led aft, cockpit cushions, solar panel, shore power, depth meter, VHF, AM/FM/CD stereo, LPG stove, and much more, \$21,500, (530) 713-9800.



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This is a great day sailer (or weekend cruiser) and very trailer-able. She has been kept very clean and maintained with pride. Very large cockpit easily accommodates four adults. The running rigging led to the cockpit makes single-handed sailing easy and lots of fun. She sails very fast and handles rough water well. Asking \$5,000. Call Hugh @ (530)272-2344.



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Capri 22 for Sale...Sails and more sails

Speedo, Depth, VHF Radio, wind direction fixed and portable and more lines, tweaklers, twingers, and go fast stuff that you'll need your truck just to haul them away.

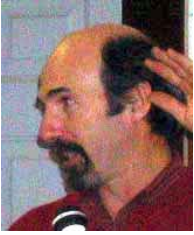
Trailer has hydraulic brakes, brand new tires and a spare.

V berth in Bow, Sleeps two, Starboard and port. The perfect cruiser or racer. Poto Poti etc etc.

Call Mike at 268.3436 Asking \$4800 will consider trade.

Racing News

Race Chairman-Jerry Lewis



Racing begins March 25th.

Check the WEB site www.gcyk.net for updates to schedules and race happenings.

Cruising News

Cruise Chairman-Gary Wade



We are eagerly looking forward to an active cruising season this year. What I mean by “Cruising” is pretty all encompassing – just about anything social plus sailing related, other than racing, regular meetings, and work parties. At the end of the year the club recognizes the most active cruiser with the cruising award, based on “cruise points”. So how do I gain cruise points, you ask? The focus is on social cruising, meaning especially overnight trips with others to out-of-the-area locations. But we also want to encourage other social activities, so points will be awarded for participating in Wednesday evening raft-ups (whether on your own boat or not), participating in the 4th of July parade, going to the Oakland Boat Show with others from the club, and even races out of the area, like Whiskeytown, High Sierra, and Konocti. Sharing experiences is also very highly encouraged, and so extra points are awarded for newsletter articles on your cruise or for a slide show at a meeting. And, since the club always runs on volunteers, those who organize cruises will gain yet more points.

The biggest points will be given for actually going on overnight club trips (meaning with other boats/families) exploring bodies of water beyond Scotts Flat Lake. A couple of highlights in this area will be an expected cruise to Lake Tahoe sometime in the summer, and Lynn and Dale Buchanan are already arranging a trip to the Pacific Northwest (Vancouver Island) the last two weeks of August. And finally, if you are traveling outside of 250 miles on your own (professional and live-aboard sailors excluded), such as a bare-boat charter in the Caribbean, you’ll get points there, too. Now you may feel that sailing from Vancouver Island is a lot bigger deal than driving to Oakland for the boat show – and, yes, I intend to use my judgement and somewhat arbitrarily award “bigger” points for bigger efforts! (This may perpetuate the long held rumor that bribes are accepted – I don’t know the veracity of this rumor, since I’ve never been tested. J) Put whatever happens, if you don’t tell us that you went cruising, I won’t know to award you points. So let’s go have a fun, active, cruising year!

And speaking of Lake Tahoe ...next meeting I will be calling for people who are interested to get with me so we can start planning – when, where, what, etc. So, let me know if you are interested in a few days together on Lake Tahoe!

Junior Sailing

Lynn Buchanan

FOR WOMEN ONLY!

On Sunday, April 23rd I will host a GCYC Keelboat Sailing Class on my Catalina 22 "Sailynn" for women only. There will be a shore side class at our Scotts Flat Lake facility starting at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$18.00 and includes a US Sailing Keelboat textbook and handouts. We will go over safety, nautical knots, line handling/tossing, man overboard procedures and sail trim. From there we will move to the docks and water for rigging, small motor handling, departures, boat handling skills, man overboard, heave to, anchoring, picking up a mooring ball, docking and ship shape. This class is intended for GCYC women sailors with some sailing experience who want to build their confidence and hands on the tiller skills. The class size will be limited to four students. Life jackets will be required and you will need to bring your own lunch. Ending time should be around 4:00 p.m. Call me at 530-470-0511 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

Lynn Buchanan, GCYC
US Sailing Keel Boat Instructor

Sunfish? Can I leave my boat overnight at Scotts Flat Lake without paying? (the answer to the last one is "no"). The handbook will provide the kind of information that will keep you informed about your Club. Dave Bloch, who is in charge of Membership/Publicity, will collect the information and create a document to be received by each member. The Crow's Nest will assist Dave if information is not readily available. The second example is regarding an idea from a new Club member. Scott Muir, who joined the Club last month, is an expert in wireless technology and ask me if the Club ever considered having a wireless weather station on Scotts Flat Lake so that anyone interesting in spending time on the lake would know the weather conditions before making the trip. What a great idea! I asked him to provide me with estimated cost/work which he did. His information was included in a memo that was presented to the Board of Directors on January 31st. I invited Scott to the Board to discuss the idea. By the way, any club member is welcome to attend Board meetings. Based on the discussion, we now have more options and things to look into, which will be taken on by the Crow's Nest. Peggy Davidson, who manages NID's Scotts Flat Lake offices, is aware of the idea and is expected a summary of the project for an upcoming NID meeting. How many ideas do you have? How long have you been holding on to them? Who wants to know the wind conditions on Scotts Flat Lake while at work? The Crow's Nest was created in part to facilitate the flow of ideas from all of us to the leadership of the Club so that projects can be addressed and prioritizes according to resources. You now know who the members are, please contact any one on the team or your Board of Director members directly.

The second team is for the 25th Go For The Gold Regatta. The volunteering members are Mike and Jean Hauser and Bill and Pat Andrew. This team has a lot to do in a short period of time. This is the 25th Regatta which is a big deal to the Club and can "easily" be marketed as a "must attend" regatta. The responsibilities are spread among the group as Jean manages Food, Wine/Beer, Entertainment, T-shirt and Logo development, Mike manages Communication and PR., Pat manages Registration, Bill manages Racing, and I manage Fundraising, Budget, and supporting Jean, Mike, Pat, and Bill. The team will approach you within the next few weeks and months to support the 25th Go For The Gold Regatta. Putting an event like this one can only be done as a team, so please be ready to volunteer, as you may already have done so in the past regattas. If you see an area you would like to volunteer for, please contact the person in charge. To a wonderful 25th Go For The Gold event!

I would like to thank all the team members who have volunteered and look forward to having fun together.

Pierre

Port Captain's Corner -

Port Captain Dave Cowell



It's hard to get motivated towards working on the sailing facilities when it's still snowing outside but it's a good thing to get some of the planning done so that we all have something to look forward to. OK, so just to be aware of. The two tasks we have are the routine cleaning and repair of winter damage to the clubhouse and the improvement to the club barge. The Board of Directors feels that the barge really needs some TLC and has committed \$500 for repairs and improvements. The current list has the design and construction of a new superstructure and roof and we'd like to add steering and engine controls. Doug Epperson has already offered to help in much of the construction but if anyone has any ideas or suggestions and wants to help best use those funds please give me a call.

Bark-o-Lounger Samuelson

Lazy-boy Musings

Tristan Jones! What can I say? I just love the guy. I wish he were still around so that he could spin out a few more yarns. He was a gritty Welsh-Englishman who spent most of his life messing around with boats and surviving many great and small adventures. Starting with smuggling cheese, yes cheese, to becoming the head of a corporation broadening the experience of the physically challenged, including himself, Tristan comes out on top of one challenge after another. From outwitting thieves and drug smugglers in Columbia to punching out an Eastern European boarder guard this guy is something else.

He seemed to grow up with this very British idea that your life doesn't really mean much unless you are the first to concur Everest or make it to the South Pole. But, since those things are already done, he had to be the first at something else. As one of his first endeavors he decides to go further north in a sailboat than any one else has ever done. So he heads north in a thirty-something-foot sail boat and promptly gets stuck in the ice. Somehow he manages to chip the thing out of the ice and haul it on top of the ice so it won't get crushed. And there, except for an occasional run in with an Eskimo, he and his dog sit for almost two years.

Later, he decides that he will be the first to take a sailboat across South America. So, starting from the Caribbean in a 24 foot boat, he goes through The Canal, then sails down the west coast of South America; trucks the boat up to Lake Titicaca; puts it on a train to the headwaters of some river; "sails" down the river; and finally sails it back to the Caribbean. On that trip he had a four horsepower outboard that he couldn't get to work even one time. As a side note, that boat is now proudly on display somewhere in Coe d'Alene, Idaho. Can you believe that!

He wrote about twenty books. And his writing style will keep you spell bound. His last adventure took place in Thailand. As an amputee he and three other dis-able seamen took a boat up one river and down another, which of course hadn't been done before, to convince the Thai government that they should put a canal across a peninsula. The man was incredible.

I've read most of his books and put them in **THE BOX**. But you will have a hard time finding one there. Club members seem to take them and not put them back. But, if you really get lucky, you might find one of his books back in **THE BOX**. We need to get this exchange thing going a little better. *A Bark-o-lounger*

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BULLSHIP RACE HISTORY

The first Bullship Race was April, 1954. Charles O’Gara and Lynn Pera set out to prove the merits of sailing to Barnaby Conrad, author and bull-fighting expert, by racing from Ondines in Sausalito to the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco. O’Gara lost the race (and by tradition has been the last skipper ever since) but Conrad was convinced that the El Toro class was worthy of a trophy to perpetuate the event. The trophy was the tail of a bull awarded each year to a last place sailor.

In 1956 the Monterey Herald donated a perpetual trophy for feminine skippers and in 1958 George Guatekunst gave the Ondine Perpetual trophy for Maiden Voyagers only.

In 2006 two new trophies have been designated by the committee; the Robert Cresswell

Woody Award for the first wooden boat finishing, and the Clydesdale Award, for the first finisher that weighs over 200 pounds.

The legendary Tempest Storm has served as honorary meteorologist since the early years.

Traditionally the race is held on the Saturday after Easter to take advance of favorable tides. After 134 El Toros raced in 1962, a limit was set at 100 entries per race.

Come join us for this fun filled event. Irish Coffee will be served on the green at the St. Francis Yacht Club following the race.

53rd
BULLSHIP RACE
P R E S S R E L E A S E

APRIL 22, 2006 is the running of the 53rd annual Bullship Race. El Toro sailboats

will race across the challenging opening of the Golden Gate from Sausalito to the St.

Francis Yacht Club, (on the Marina Green) in San Francisco. “Cowships” (larger mother

ships) will herd the El Toro fleet across the bay.

The 9:00 starting gun will signal the beginning of a competitive and fun race. Finishers

and friends will gather on the Marina Green at the St Francis Yacht Club to share Irish

Coffee and the trophy presentations.

Sailors must be 18 by 4/22/06 to enter.

Registrar: Paul Flowerman,

P.O. Box Forest Knolls, CA 94913

Info-(415) 488-0244

E-mail www.pflowerman@tides.org for further information.

Download entry forms at www.eltoroyra.org.

APRIL 14, 2006 Bullship Reunion Dinner: No host cocktails and dinner begin

at 6:00. Richmond Yacht Club. No reservations necessary. Traditional Auction of the

Bulls at 8:00.



Gold Country Yacht Club

Board of Directors Minutes

January 10, 2006

Present: Jeff Lund, Mike Hauser, Jean Hauser, Dave Bloch, Dave Cowell, Jean Cutshall, Bruce Cutshall, Pierre Chatelein, Lyn Buchanan, Jerry Lewis, Gary Wade

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Jeff Lund at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff expressed his appreciation to the Board of Directors for their willingness to serve on this year's Board and stated that his vision for this year was a "year of possibilities." He encouraged the Board to encourage the club members to come to Board meetings and express their ideas and opinions.

VICE COMMODORE

Pierre stated that he was happy to be on board and stated his vision to "grow the club" this year. He proposed the establishment of a committee to act as a resource/advisory group to the Board, taking on issues, researching information and reporting to the Board their findings. The committee would be comprised of five people, none of whom are currently on the Board representing a mix of old and new members. Discussion followed. Mike made a motion setting up the "Crows Nest Committee" consisting of five persons with a term of January, 2006 to January, 2007. Lyn seconded the motion and the Board unanimously passed the motion.

Jean C. suggested that Pierre also ask for volunteers for this committee at the General Meeting and Pierre said he would do that.

SECRETARY

Discussion was had regarding the most expeditious way for Directors to approve Board minutes for publication in the newsletter. Gary made a motion that Jean H. would e-mail the minutes to Board members and a reply would be expected prior to the newsletter deadline. Jean H seconded the motion. Non-responses from Board members would be considered approval of minutes. It was passed unanimously.

TREASURER

Jean C. gave the Treasurer's report. Liability insurance and P.O. Box rental fees are due in the next couple months. Discussion followed regarding the review of our insurance policies and it was decided that this would be a perfect job for the Crow's Nest Committee to pursue. Jean also stated that she needed to have club boats verified for DMV registration and Lyn said that she would take care of that.

MEMBERSHIP

Dave basically had no report as he still needs to receive materials from former membership director. There was discussion regarding the processing of new memberships and it was decided that the Secretary would pass new membership applications to the Membership Director in a very timely fashion for him to contact new members and personally welcome them to the club. They checks would be sent to the Treasurer for timely deposit. Membership database information is being maintained by the Secretary and the Newsletter Director. Dave also stated that it was his wish to help bring "new people into the loop" more quickly. Phone calls and mentoring were suggested as aids. Pierre asked that Dave bring the new membership packet to the next Board meeting for inspection.

PORT CAPTAIN

Dave stated that new posts needed to be installed for the new sign that will be put up at the club. Barge is in need of repair. It is in a bad state of disrepair. He had a list of "fixes". Jeff suggested that he prioritize corrections with safety and liability in mind.

Dave asked about being reimbursed for a season pass since all his work and responsibilities are on site. A discussion followed and it was decided that Jeff would talk to the Lake management personnel about allowing certain persons to pass to do work on-site.

RACE CHAIR

No report

CRUISE

At this point, cruising will continue on the same course as last year. Gary hopes to encourage more people to cruise together.

JUNIOR SAILING

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Lyn reminded people that Catalina 22 Nationals will be held at the lake June 17th through 22nd of this year.

Discussion was held regarding the formation of an in-house directory. Jean H made a motion to move forward with the formation of an in-house directory for club member use only. Jean C. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Pierre passed around a 2006 GCYC Organizational Chart – this being his vision for the day-to-day running of the club. He also suggested that purpose statements be made. Further discussions will be had at future meetings.

Jeff raised the question of who will chair the Go for the Gold Regatta. Volunteers will be asked for at the January 11th General meeting.

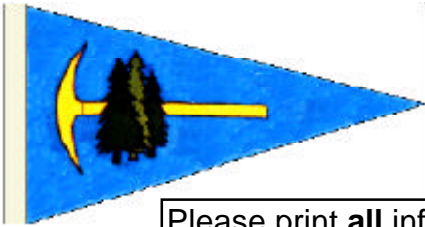
The calendar for 2006 was discussed and preliminary dates were set.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hauser

Secretary



Gold Country Yacht Club

2006 Renewal/Membership Application Form

P.O. Box 813 Grass Valley CA 95945 <http://www.gcyc.net>

Please print **all** information clearly, even if you are renewing your membership.

Contact Info

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email #1: _____

Spouse: _____ Email #2: _____

Participating Children (ages): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Directory

Send newsletter to: Email #1 Email#2 Mailing Address (Email saves us \$\$! You will receive a notification Email with a clickable link so you can download the issue in Adobe Acrobat PDF format at your convenience.)

May we include your contact information in our printed *Member Handbook & Directory*? This publication is distributed **only** to the membership. Yes No

Boat

Boat Name: _____ Type/Class/Design: _____

Year: _____ Sail Number: _____ **Boat ownership is not a prerequisite for membership.**

Your Interests

This is a working club, so every member is expected to help in some way. What would you like to do? Organize Construction/Maintenance Marketing/PR Cook Fundraise Help with Events Other _____

Are you interested in: Racing Cruising Jr.Sailing Program Other _____

CHECK IF: You would like to crew on others' boats. You would like others to crew on yours.

Would you like information on: Boat Safety Boat Care Crewing Racing Racing Tactics Racing Rules Sail Trim Rigging Other _____

What else (other than sailing) do you like to do? _____

(New members only:) How did you hear about us? _____

Signature Member Options

Regular/Renewal membership is \$65/year and includes monthly newsletter, discounts (with us and other clubs with reciprocal agreements), and participation in all Club activities. Please check:

- New Member** \$75 (includes \$10 initiation fee)
- Renewal** \$65 (Add \$10 late fee if after April 1)
- Supporting Member** \$22 (includes only monthly newsletter and attendance at monthly meetings)
- Optional US Sailing membership** (additional, see details below) \$40 individual \$60 family

I agree to waive all claims against the Gold Country Yacht Club and its officers for any reason and join the Club knowing all the risks involved.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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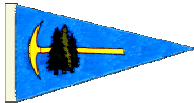
*General Meeting February 8th Larry & Lena's
Pizza*

Valentines Day February 14th

Board Meeting February 28th

General Meeting March 8th Larry & Lenas Pizza

**ATTENTION: OUR MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE AT :Larry & Lena's Pizza
February 8th -7:00pm .**



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