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Photo Finish Highlights the 2011 Doublehanded Lightship Race



Photo by Deb Fehr

Truth and *Serena* battle it out at the finish line after the grueling 25-mile race against high seas and a powerful ebb tide caused by the outflow from a week of rain in northern California. *Serena* won this fight by less than a second! Although she corrected out later to winning by nearly an hour, that fact did not make this finish any less exciting. See the **DHLS 2011** results in this issue!

Commodore's Corner

By Dave Bloch

The sun is out and there is going to be a spring this year after all. Lots going on as things crank up! You've been hearing all about these every week in Vice-Commodore **Kristen Soetebier's** great *IYCee What's Up* Emails that come to your Inbox. Here's the high-level view from up on the bridge...

We're going to be at **Strictly Sail** on April 14 thru 17 this year! This huge show has a very reasonable rate for non-profit exhibitors, and it looks like a great way to meet some sailors who might consider joining our club. We'll have a tent in the **Fun Zone** area between the Inner Center Basin and new parking garage. More info on this later in this *Mainsheet*.



I worked the race deck at St. Francis YC for this year's **Double-Handed Lightship Race**. With all the bad weather we've had, virtually our entire deck crew had brought their foulies, but we were very fortunate as the rain passed on, leaving a mix of clouds, wind, some occasional patches of blue, and no more than a drizzle now and then.

For the sailors, the conditions were a bit rougher. All that rain generated a huge ebb tide, winds were up close to 30 knots and some boats reported upward of 14-foot waves. Several boats cancelled ahead of the race, 29 started and 23 finished in a really fast afternoon.

We had a serious scare mid-afternoon, when a StFYC staff member relayed to us that there was a MOB out there somewhere. USCG was responding with a helicopter, but we didn't know anything else. A very tense 15 minutes passed until we received new information—the problem was not with one of our racers, and was in the South Bay and not on the ocean. All of our boats returned safely with their crews intact (if not a bit banged up).

All of you who made it to the March 19 Membership Dinner featuring Yours Truly speaking on virtual sailing in **Second Life** witnessed a treat that was a complete surprise to me until just a few hours earlier; we have a virtual clubhouse to call our own. Built to resemble our real world building, IYC-SL provides a home for anyone who would like to experience designing, building, or sailing 3-dimensional virtual boats that really are masterpieces of art and engineering. **Don Berithos** of the Golden Gate Yacht Club in SL donated the "land" and built us the building. Don has close ties with the Americas Cup and Louis Vuitton Trophy organizations, and is currently working with Team Australia.

Since then I (or rather, my avatar **Dale Irata**) has dressed the place up nicely with a bar, pool table, some relaxing furniture and several large photographs. IYCer **John Ratto** is the first real life (RL) member to stop by, but we've already got members from other RL clubs across the country. I've created a special section on our IYC Website at <http://iyc>.

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Sun Apr 2 Decorated Boat Kickoff Breakfast

Tue Apr 12 Board Meeting

Thur-Sun, Apr 14-17 Strictly Sail

Fri Apr 15 Island Nights Spring Series #1

Sat Apr 16 Interclub Race #1 (IYC provides RC)

Sat Apr 16 Membership Dinner/Speaker

Fri Apr 29 Island Nights Spring Series #2

Sun May 1 PICYA Opening Day on the Bay

Tue May 10 Board Meeting

Fri May 13 Island Nights Spring Race #3

Sat May 21 Membership Dinner / Speaker



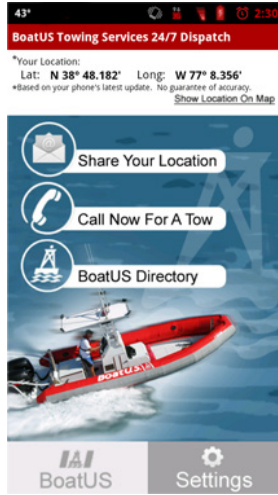
Ben Mewes, Thom Mantoath, David Ross and Kristen Soetebier on the StFYC race deck

org/sl where you'll find more information; I'm also available anytime to help anyone who would like to come in and give SL a whirl.

More from the Online World


I'm not one to link to commercial ventures on the Web, but so many of us are members of **BoatUS** (mostly to get access to **Vessel Assist**) that I thought I'd forward this link to you.

The April edition of their magazine has a very good article on marine apps for smartphones and the iPad, including their own "BoatUS App" that lets you call for a tow, including providing your exact position, boat and contact info, with just one or two taps on the screen. That sounds like a really good safety feature to me! Lots of other apps as well, including a couple that make your device into a pretty full-featured chartplotter (assuming your eyes are better at close range than mine). Take a look at: <http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2011/april/apps.asp>



And one more bit of Real World:

We've moved! Our boat, that is. *Dream Catcher* is now cozily ensconced at Marina Village near gate 9. We hope that being back in the Estuary might enable us to bring our "Buick of the Bay" out for a race or two. Look for us "holding our position in the fleet" behind everyone else!

See you out there! 



IYC-SL Commodore Dale pauses by a rack of windsurfing sails, as he walks down the dock from IYC to GGYC. Several Vuitton and AC-class boats are in the background.




Furnishing in progress, but you can see a sofa, pool table, and (of course) the corner bar!

Preparations Begin for PICYA Opening Day Decorated Boat Parade

Three IYCers—Dave Bloch, John New, and Nancy Hird joined Rear Commodore Thom Mantooth for our Decorated Boat planning meeting the morning of Saturday, April 2. They were joined by Galley Manager Brendan McKenna who had promised (and followed through admirably) with custom-made omelettes to order for the entire crew.

This year's parade theme is **Giants of the Bay** and lots of ideas were brainstormed and discussed. The committee did come to a decision on this year's entry! That decision is **TOP SECRET** and will not be disclosed here lest other clubs discover our intent and attempt to thwart our plans. (The whole "rising tide raises all boats" thing goes only so far in a cut-throat business such as this.)

So, how do you find out what we have afoot! Contact Thom at 510-523-0825 or by Email to thomscorpio@att.net. Let him know when you are available to help build the boat; we are also in need of materials—wood and old carpeting are often used in these projects, along with the usual nails, screws, glue, paint, etc. If you just finished a project and have stuff in the garage, please let Thom know immediately!

Remember, Opening Day is **May 1**, so lots of work to do in a short time. Hope to see lots of club members helping on this! 



*Last year's entry **Looking Good!** won Second Place. The entry highlighted the First California Invitational Blind Sailing Regatta coming up the next month, and the boat was driven almost entirely by visually-impaired crew.*

From The Galley

Brendan McKenna, Galley Manager

The wind was howling and the rains pounded the building for the Saturday March 19 **Membership Dinner**. Those who braved the weather were rewarded with delicious **vegetarian hors d'oeuvres** at cocktail hour and a delicious home made (nothing from a can or package except a little bit of beef broth and of course a bottle of wine) **boeuf bourgionne**. This yummy comfort food was perfect for the dark and stormy night and the 25 or so hearty souls who threw the barometer's caution back into the wind.

The candlelight main dish was accompanied by boiled red potatoes, a fresh salad with mini sweet peppers and mushrooms, hot rolls and butter, ice cream and coffee. The vegetarian entrée was three-cheese ravioli with a parmesan and basil-pesto sauce. Don't miss this the next time it is on the menu! The meal was accompanied by music from a Japan fundraising event that was visible on the projection screen as part of Commodore Dave's presentation on virtual sailing and Second Life IYC.

Thanks to my many helpers! Carolyn, my wife and her sister Connie worked very hard with me at home the night before with preparation and menu advice. I was joined by my regular sous chef Michael Hite in the Galley. John New, Dawn Chesney, Speranza Avram, David Ross and Deb Fehr helped

out with everything from swabbing the deck to table set up, dishwasher duty and cleaning the pots and pans.

Please note! In addition to recycling cardboard cans and bottles, I am working on recycling compostables. That includes not just food scraps and leftovers but many of our paper plates, napkins, paper towels. Watch for sorting instructions at future membership dinners.

The more active Galley season begins this month with the return of the Friday *Island Nights* Race Series starting April 15 and April 29 and continuing into the early fall. The grill will be lit and ready to go for the racers and guests. Standard "cook it yourself fare" of hamburgers, chicken and steaks plus a surprise or two will be available now and then at our ridiculously reasonable prices. As always there will be turkey and veggie burgers and a stand-alone vegetarian option that will also serve as the starch for our carnivores. I'll be trying out a few new vegetarian / starch dishes for variety, but we will have the ever popular vegetarian lasagna from time to time.

The menu for the **Saturday April 30 Membership Dinner** has been changed from lamb to pork loin. Depending on the weather the loins will be grilled outside or broiled inside. More exciting vegetables may also be grilled, weather permitting. The rack of lamb will be featured in May and definitely grilled. Email your reservations to **bmck1226@yahoo.com** or call 415-621-6643. 🚩

IYC at Strictly Sail and Beyond

IYC has a booth this year at Strictly Sail Pacific April 14-17! Our white "EasyUp"-style tent will be located in the "Fun Zone" area between the Bocanova restaurant and the big new parking structure, so we hope to see lots of traffic flow from folks to/from their vehicles.

IYC Board Secretary **Anna Christensen** has taken on the organization of this project. She is looking for volunteers to staff the booth in shifts spread through all four days, Thursday thru Sunday. Email her at **akchristensen@hotmail.com** if you have availability to help out.

Strictly Sail will be the start of a May-long membership drive to make the most of the time, effort and money we're putting into the show. The \$100 Initiation Fee will be waived from the start of Strictly Sail thru the end of May. Potential new members will be invited to several events we have going in late April and May including Island Nights races and the May membership dinner. (We might even get some help with the Decorated Boat!)

We will all want to make a special effort to come out to these events and welcome potential new members to the family. More info will come out in Kristen's great **IYCee** weekly Emails, and in the *May Mainsheet*. 🚩



Map shows the IYC tent location. The Il Pescatore Restaurant is just below the image above. Image from <http://strictlysailpacific.com>

Racing Notes

By John New, Racing Chair


Hi Race Fans:

Lots of IYC racing events happened this last month! Our big **Double-Handed Light Ship** charity ocean race went off without a hitch thanks to our Race Committee: **David Hand** managed the race deck with all the IYC flag officers **Dave Bloch, Kristen Soetebier** and **Thom Mantooth** on hand and assisted by Staff Commodores; **Dawn Chesney, David Ross, Ben Mewes** and **Janet Frankel** (who also provided ukulele music for the committee). **Deb Fehr**, helped out with check-ins and photos.

The day started really nasty and wet with a squall drenching the boats on the way to the start. We had to coordinate the start with the Coast Guard, Vessel, Traffic Control and a pod of swimmers from Alcatraz. But the weather turned beautiful with a nice breeze although the waves remained big and steep. Club members George Lythcott and Steve Bayles placed in the Hot Express 27 fleet.

Thanks to all who helped and especially my race co-chair, Staff Commodore David Ross (he hasn't accepted yet but that's only a formality).

Our next club series is the **Island Nights** Friday night race on April 15. Hope to see you on the estuary and at the Club!

See you out there! 

Island Days Series

Spinnaker 1:

- 1st: Bob Johnston (SSS) *Ragtime*
- 2nd: Aaron Lee (EYC) *Crazy Eights*
- 3rd: Rui Luis (EYC) *Rascal*

168 Raters

- 1st: John Guilliford *Phantom*
- 2nd: George Gurrola (OYC) *Bandido*
- 3rd: Laraine Salmon (BYC) *Bewitched*

Spinnaker 2:

- 1st: John New (IYC) *Wuvulu*
- 2nd: Bill King *Razzmatazz*
- 3rd: Matthew Beall *Tinker*

Non-Spinnaker

- 1st: Lee Perry *Obsession*
- 2nd: Ken Viaggi (IYC) *Galatea*
- 3rd: Michael Maurier *Scrimshaw*

Doublehanded Lightship Race

(Total: 39 entries, 27 starters, 22 finishers)

Div A Multihulls

- 1st: Philip Hadly, Buccaneer 25 *Jabberwock*
- 2nd: Urs Rothacher, F-9 RX *Tatiana*
- 3rd: Bill Gardner, F-27 *Peregrine Falcon*

Div B PHRF 100 and lower

- 1st: Steve Hocking (SYC) Beneteau 45.5 *Ohana*
- 2nd: David Kuettel (CYC) T1150 *Serena*
- 3rd: Zhenya, Hobie 33 *Akyla*

Div C Express 27's

- 1st: Ray Lotto *El Raton*
- 2nd: Phil Krasner (RYC) *Wetsu*
- 3rd: George Lythcott (IYC) *Taz!!*

2011 Racing Calendar

Apr-Sept: **Spring & Summer Island Nights** Friday evening beer can racing on the Estuary

Apr-Sept: **Interclub Races**

July 9: **Silver Eagle Long Distance Race**, Classic Course and Shortened Course

Oct 1 & 2: **Northern California Women's Sailing Seminar**, "Capture the Power," with flatwater Estuary racing on October 2

Nov 6: **Jack & Jill + One Woman-Skippered** triplehanded race on the Estuary

Nov '11 thru Mar '12 - **Island Days Estuary Midwinters**, second Sundays of each month



Janet Frankel (of the race deck crew) helps us all give a rousing sendoff to DHLS IYCers George Lythcott and Steve Bayles

PHOTOS FROM DHLS:

IYC's **Deb Fehr** shot hundreds of photos of DHLS! There is a small sample below in the **Photo Section**. To see more than sixty of her pictures (and hundreds more of IYC events) visit our photostream on **Flickr**. Go to:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/44935689@N07/>

or just visit **Flickr.com** and search for "iycphotos".

PHOTO SECTION

A small selection of DHLS photos by Deb Fehr. Find many more on our Flickr site!



The boat on the left was having serious problems; the head of the spinnaker out way too far from the mast. The RC surmised the halyard was jammed and could not be pulled in. They did make it safely across the finish line.



Three boats approach the Golden Gate Bridge at the end of a tough 25-mile race.



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More DHLS finish line photos from Deb Fehr.

