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**DON'T FORGET !**

Feb 23rd	Women's Sailing	1100 hrs
Feb 23rd	CRAB FEED !!	1800 hrs
Mar 16th	Sadie Hawkins Race (Women-skipped Estuary Racing)	1225 hrs



## Notes from our Commodore

Well it looks like the start of another great year for IYC. This year we intend to be far more active in cruising so check your schedule and get in contact with Malcolm Sowers (our new cruise chair) and plan on joining the fun. Our race program went well last year and I expect us to continue building momentum this year under the capable guidance of Diane Duey (Rear Commodore) and Carol Hess (Race Chair). If you are able to assist the race committee please give these folks a call. It's a good way to support your sport, meet people and learn more about racing.

The first big event of the year is our annual Crab Feed this Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please plan on attending and renewing your friendships for another season. Vice Commodore David Hand has a great program planned featuring the summer adventures of one of our members doing a trans-American bike ride.

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## Friday Night Estuary Racing

By Pam Richardson, Historian

Time flies and soon it will be Friday Night Race Time. For those who have not experienced being on the race committee, please think about it. Believe me, it is a natural high, watching the racers mingle and get set up for the first race. You wait for the breeze to come from the west and you enjoy the sunshine and the company of other friendly people. Later you will want a warm jacket, and I wear a scarf and wooly hat to keep extra warm. For those who love to take pictures it is a great photo opportunity.

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## Dave Springs Into Action

By David Hand, Vice Commodore

The superbowl is over, Joanne had an excellent birthday party, and the game was won in the last few minutes by the kicker. Now we focus on the crab feed (reservations please) on Feb 23rd and the presentation by Mike Mathison and Bill Pritchard.

Last month I took it upon myself to go into the kitchen and prepare dinner for the monthly dinner meeting. My purpose in doing this was to get a better feel for the problems involved in putting on this monthly event. It is now very clear, (if it wasn't already) that our biggest problem is accurately predicting the number of members who are going to show up. I feel that in future we should be more realistic in our estimation of the anticipated number of guests, this would enable us to keep costs down and give everyone a good last thing we prepared in case of an emergency (Dan has the third Wednesday of the month at the clubhouse). I would like to see good food, good prices, and a good time for all.



Photo by Ted Crum

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## Editorial

By Janet Frankel

Even though the year has just begun, there is still plenty to write about. As I gaze into the traditional Staff Commodore Crystal Ball, I see a future full of enthusiasm, camaraderie, and a whole lot of boating for IYCers. A sure formula for good, plain fun.

The Superbowl Sunday / Joanne's birthday party at IYC on February 3 was my first. I'm not the type to get excited about football, but I can appreciate a good party as well as anyone! Members showed up throughout the afternoon, some wandering in after the Oakland Brunch estuary sailboat races, and others who came specifically to see the game. Probably a few were like me, interested in exploring the exciting world of pot-luck food. I relished corned beef hash, the creation of Peter and

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## BROOKS ISLAND CRUISE

By Malcolm Sowers, Cruising Chair

*Reminder:* Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Sequoia Yacht Club.

**MARCH MINI-CRUISE**  
**Sunday, March 17th:**  
**To explore and tour**  
**BROOKS ISLAND Regional Park**  
(part of Richmond Breakwater)

Stormy weather postpones. (March Gales? Next favorable tide will be Sunday April 28th.) Hi-tide at mid-day permits landing from our inflatable or yours, – or via Regional Park caretaker's motor boat if he isn't too busy with other tours.

**Arrive on the flood by noon** and Malcolm Sowers, Cruise chairman, will show you a secret anchorage behind the Richmond Channel Range Markers (abreast of custodians Roy Tedder & Heather Hailey's house), and steer you clear of underwater hazards. Bring your friends and a picnic lunch. Eat on highest point of island; you will want to bring cameras and Binoculars. Bird books and mushroom books are optional.

**Mushrooms?** May be a bit late in the season but Helen Sowers will attempt to identify for those interested.

**Shore birds, residents and transients, Raptors.** Many species, a bit early for Terns, but Canada Geese are nesting. Helen – or Roy or Heather can show and tell.

**History** of Island's early users? Roy Tedder – or Malcolm Sowers can tell. **Flowers? Geology? Rock Quarry?** Ask Roy or Heather.

**Weigh anchor 3 P. M.** Don't take "shortcut" (via backside of Brooks) on a falling tide.

If interested communicate with Malcolm Sowers. Also, do you have suggestions for other mini-cruises?

Malcolm Sowers:  
Telephone: (510) 537-2377  
email: [hsowers@csuhayward.edu](mailto:hsowers@csuhayward.edu)

## Sign up for Sadie Now

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Now the last item is don't forget to get on that phone and put your crews together for the Sadie Hawkins race on the 16th of March, entry forms should be at the club by the time you read this or you can give Diane or me a call; or you can get them at the clubhouse.

## PICYA News

The PICYA Spring Leadership Conference for club Officers is Saturday February 23 at Coyote Point Yacht Club, \$15 which includes coffee, lunch, conference materials.

Topics on the agenda will include representatives from the A.B.C., the Coast Guard, our Legislative Advocate, and the Calif. Dept. of Boating and Waterways. There will also be a Harbormaster there to talk about interaction with a yacht club. For more information call PICYA Rear Commodore Vern Bendsen at 707-422-3510. Or check your copy of the PICYA Log.

## Nacing Rews

By Joanne McFee

Our nefarious editor slyly switched deadlines and forgot to tell me. That's my excuse for fairly abbreviated race results and I'm sticking to it.

Super Bowl Sunday found three IYC boats at Oakland's Sunday Brunch series. Heidi Schmidt and *Dominatrix* with Glen Krawiec as part of her crew got the gun in their division, and corrected to second. Ben Mewes' *Georgia* with Gisela Linder and Pam Krawiec aboard and Roger England with his Soling also went out and played. It was a gorgeous day for sailing on the estuary – one of our

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## Lassoing the Mark

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You need no experience because the Seasoned committee person might give up one of their jobs such as hoisting the signal markers of blue, yellow and red. The person even helps you connect the signals and you might love it so much you won't let them help you the next time. The race chairperson has a stopwatch and counts the time down from ten seconds. As he or she counts down you start raising the funnel signal, so it hits the top of the mark at the first warning time. Then, the second warning, and the start of the race with the red signal funnel.

Another job would be to record the boats with an X mark as they sign in on the list previously prepared for you. It is always nice to have a backup person to help with the finishing time for every boat that entered the race. There is the shotgun person who signals the start of the race and the first across the finish line in each race. Do you like to race around in a small craft? The club needs volunteers for two people to set the marks and pick them up after the race. I prefer the lasso method myself; it is the quickest way to pick up the smaller marks. During all this time is another photo opportunity before the sun goes down. My favorite photo op was watching a sailboat round the mark and I was within ten yards, looking up at the spinnaker handler. The sad thing was I didn't have anymore film in my camera.

## CRAB FEED—FEB 23RD

Cocktails at 6:00, Crab Feed at 7:00

Island Yacht Club clubhouse

\$20 with reservation by February 22,

\$25 at the door

Call Pam Krawiec at 510-339-9451 for reservations  
(space is limited)

## George and Molly return from Mexico

By Molly Blair, Ships Store Chair

Yes, we are back from the land of paradise. We were on Latitude's big cat for party and boat parade first ever. We even have a burgee. 57 boats, 35 in the parade. We had a blast.

George and I spent the week aboard 50 ft vagabond -- *La Vie Dansante* -- captained by David Woodard. This sailboat graces the sea -- every inch like fine hand carved furniture.

*La Vie Dansante* is moored in the harbor of Zihuatanejo -- on days we were not sailing the coast line of Ixtapa noting the natural resources like the white

sanded beaches, the quiet, tranquil sea, the exuberant vegetation and exotic birds, we found marvelous places to rest. We held hands walking the beach feeling the warmth of the water and sand between our toes.

Mexico hides the poverty of many of her people below it's touristy complex. George and I had the chance to be proud to be American cruisers. We cruisers got together for race, dinner, etc. and raised a total of \$3,600 for the Indian school.

George and I are looking forward to the crab feed. We'll be there on 2/23. Happy Valentine's Day!

## Crystal Ball Musings

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**Hobbit.** Ellen Atteberry brought Thai-style spring rolls and other irresistible appetizers, all concocted aboard *Hot Ice*. Ellen described the challenges of assembling food aboard, and her ideas to improve *Hot Ice's* galley. IYC can be useful in surprising ways!

Joyce showed up and made the most delicious clam chowder I've ever tasted, perhaps the magic ingredient that made it especially yummy was that Goldilocks here found someone else's chowder bowl. Glen Krawiec was there, though, to back me up when one of the Three Bears returned, in search of his food. Joanne's vegetarian chili beckoned too, but by then I was so stuffed that even sniffing it was painful – and it smelled wonderful!

Anyways, a great and delicious variety of food appeared and disappeared, the TV finally worked, and the Patriots won! All in all, a good day. And my New Year's Resolution finally: Next SuperBowl Sunday, I'm going to take the boat out for a sail before the party!

I discussed the 3-Bridge Fiasco with Heidi and Ted, and why the race lives up to its name: foul weather and wicked tides, raving participants. Curious...

Say, did anyone notice the large, unclassified flag flying over the club on Superbowl Sunday? Signifying WHICH officer is on station? Hmmmmm. Where was our Port Captain when we needed him?

Our CRAB FEED is coming up once again! I used to feel bad for the little critters, but the truth is they are much tougher than I am. I almost always lose in the battle of Janet vs. Claw. And that's when the crab is already cleaned and cracked, mind you. I plan to bring Band-Aids this year, more I won't say.

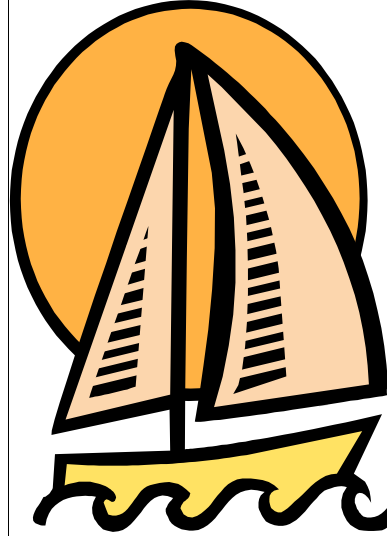
While I'm struggling with the crab the rest of you can relax and enjoy Mike Mathiasen's and Bill Pritchard's stories about their grueling cross-country bicycling trip, from the Pacific to the Atlantic. I've seen some of the photos, and trust me, you won't want to miss this!

Before the Crab Feed, Pam Krawiec and I are organizing our first-of-the-year Women's Sailing outing. Any interested women call me at 415-362-9533 or Pam at 415-339-9451 to sign up. We'll leave the dock at 11:00, and return at 3:30pm. Our plan is to repeat this excitement every month, a sail before the General Meeting. All in favor, please say Aye.

Don't forget to check out our website, [www.iyc.org](http://www.iyc.org). See you at the Crab Feed. Until then, fair winds and chocolate cake for all!

## Buying and Selling

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One of the things a Commodore has to do is to ask for money. Please send your club dues in promptly so we can continue to keep the club solvent. Remember that your membership actually expires in March! As far as I can tell there is no other way to get so much for so little in the Bay Area Yachting community so renew now and tell your

friends about the great deal at the IYC.

Now that we can actually anticipate the start of sailing season it is probably time to start getting the boat ready for another season. A boat, as most of you know, is a hole in the water that you pour money into. A way to pour a little less money is to participate in our upcoming auction at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. You can get goodies for your boat, sell some of your extra items, and get a little money for the club all at the same time. Take a look in your garage and boat lockers and plan on being with us for the auction and general meeting and dinner to follow.

Not much else new and exciting to say. Keep the faith—good weather is coming.

## Chuck 'n Martha Go to Florida

By Joanne McFee

Chuck and Martha McMahan are long-time IYC members and their Going Away party coincided with our practice New Year's Eve party. As is usual when we have pot-lucks, the food was varied and wonderful. The turnout was good and there were faces not seen around the club for a long time.

Chuck and Martha gave generously of their time and talent. They served twice as Treasurer, and Martha was Bar Manager. They spent many weekends on the Bay and did lots of cruises with the club. After more than a dozen years as San Franciscans, they found their dream home in Florida. Their Ericson 32 *Full Tilt* will also have a new berth close to the house.

Bon Voyage!



# Island Yacht Club



## We'll Miss You, Carl

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perfect February days.

After the race the crews joined the rest of us at IYC's Super Bowl Sunday / Joanne's birthday party,. Great turnout, great food, GREAT game, pretty good commercials. We'll have to think of something to top it next year! Thanks to everyone who came and pitched in, especially after my faze out.

So what about Dawn Chesney? In addition to crewing on *Mirage*, she and a group of pre-eminent women Bay Sailors are embarking on an all-women Santana 35 campaign. They're just in the beginning stages, but we'll follow them as I get the news.

There are lots of races coming up, so there should be plenty of news next month.

Sadly, Carl Schumacher, noted marine architect, passed away suddenly earlier this month. He leaves a huge hole in the boating community and will be sorely missed. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

## InterClub Races By Glen Krawiec

### Make Interclub Racing Plans Now!

The Interclub-racing season starts in April, so get the dates on your calendar and your entry forms in ASAP. Interclub racing is a series of six low-key races in the Main Bay and South Bay, usually held one race on the 2nd Saturday of each month. All local clubs participate. The \$35 cost is a bargain, and the prizes are wonderful embroidered jackets and vests. Each club hosts one race, so you often get to know your competitors socially after the races.

Last year IYC was well represented by five racers. In fact, IYC swept the spinnaker 198+ division with Mike Mathiasen, Ken Viaggi, and Dick Lotspeich. Glen Krawiec managed a 4th in Division A and Bob Naber competed in multi-hulls.

For further information and entry forms, call Glen Krawiec, 510-339-9451.

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## **2002 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

TEAR OFF AND USE THIS FORM TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
(2001 MEMBERSHIPS **EXPIRE** MARCH 15, 2002!)

Name(s) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Updated Contact Information (address, phone, email, boat name, etc. if changed from 2001 Roster):

\_\_\_\_\_

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### **2002 Renewal Fees:**

Regular Membership (\$240)	\$ _____
Cruising Membership (\$120 - boats over 100 miles away)	\$ _____
Student membership (\$12 - under 21 yrs)	\$ _____
Optional RBOC Donation (\$10)	\$ _____
IYC Burgee (\$25-small, \$30-large)	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payable to Island Yacht Club.

Mail to: IYC Membership Chair, Island Y.C., 1853 Clement Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501.

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Island Yacht Club  
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1853 Clement Avenue  
Alameda, California 94501

**B**oard Meeting at IYC Clubhouse.  
Wednesday, February 20, at 1830 hours.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**  
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- Feb 23**    **CRAB FEED (our Second Regular Meeting, plus  
Tales of the Biking Vikings) - Bar opens at 6:00pm**
- Mar 16**    **Sadie Hawkins Race  
Women-Skippered Estuary Sailing**
- Mar 23**    **General Meeting and Dinner  
(our THIRD of the Year!)**
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