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**DON'T FORGET !**

May 18th—DHLS Awards Ceremony 1830 hrs  
General Meeting, Dinner 1900 hrs

May 25th—Cruise to Sequoia Y.C. ALL  
to 27th Party, Putt & Popup ! WEEKEND

May 31st—Friday Nite Race #4 1820 hrs  
Results / BBQ Dinner 1930 hrs

June 14th—Friday Nite Race #5 1820 hrs  
Results / BBQ Dinner 1930 hrs



## The View From Here

By Dan Laramie, Commodore

Wow! Busy month! The Spring Friday night race series has started off with a banner turn out, good weather and great racing. Something over 30 boats are contesting our Friday night estuary series and it seems a fair number of those racing are stopping by to enjoy our Friday night Bar-B-Cue. This is a great opportunity to stop by and yarn with the racers and get yourself invited out on one of the race boats. Our next Friday night is May 10th, followed by May 31st and June 14th. Come on down.

IYC won yet another opening day trophy (and apparently a 21-ft sailboat) for the best-decorated sailboat. Ben Mewes was kind enough to let his larger boat *Georgia* fall prey to the ministrations of the Master Of The Deco-  
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## PICYA Judges Bedazzled by IYC Beauties



(Ed. Note: Although you may think Glen Krawiec is one of the "Beauties" mentioned in this headline, he actually is the orchestral genius and inspiration behind our Decorated Boat entry in this year's Opening Day Parade competition.) Glen makes the following report:

Opening Day on the Bay judges were bedazzled by the beauty of IYC's Statue of Liberty chorus line. The chorus line, wearing green bed-sheets and styrofoam crowns, consisted of Linda

• Glen Krawiec carries a framed photograph of the Victory 21 sailboat (not shown) IYC won on Opening Day.

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## EDITORIAL

By Janet Frankel, Publications Chair

Hello again, Dear Reader, I write with reluctance because I know I'm going to confess. I just can't seem to dodge the truth! You see, *Hobbit* and Peter and I were raring to go, all "duded up" for our Doublehanded Lightship Race, when things went awry. Peter and *Hobbit* were motoring across the Bay to the start early in the morning, when unidentified P.O.S. (new technical term I learned from recent schooling courtesy of Joanne McFee) clogged up the water cooling system and choked our Atomic 4 into silence.

Fortunately, the P.O.S. was removed and *Hobbit* and her Atomic 4 survived. But it was hours after the DHLS start. Instead, Peter and I hung out with the Race Committee, watching the goings on that only Race Committees are privy to during the daytime lull of ocean races.

For example, four young, unkempt fishermen accidentally embedded a treble hook in the foot of their beautiful dog right below the race deck. We watched in horror as they undertook pickup truck-bed surgery on the poor animal, moving to the relatively privacy of the truck's cab only when the heckling from the Race Deck became more than the impromptu surgeons could stand ("There's a vet just over here in the Marina!" and "Do you need some help down there?") – The Race Committee couldn't help but overhear the yelping. Diane McClure and I cringed in the far corner of Golden Gate Y.C., trading dog stories.

Amazingly, the surgery was finally over and the dog leapt out of the car and ran around as if nothing had happened. Success! Relieved, I abandoned the Race Committee and went to the beach. Peter reportedly went below on *Hobbit* and slept through the booming guns and horns of the finishes.

I missed the 2nd Friday Night race, I missed our April auction and general meeting, and I missed the Decorated Boat Parade! I was out of town: Tony took me to San Clemente Beach to go surfing for a week! Tony surfed every day. I'm a complete amateur, but I went in too, with my fins, my boogie board, bright eyes and enthusiasm. Tony's brother kept score from the shore: Waves: 2. Janet: 0. Wahooo! We wore wetsuits, but

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Photo by Bill King

• Linda Ahlf, Ben Mewes and Malcolm Sowers offer critical appraisal while Glen Krawiec and Dan Laramie are on their knees creating the flag for IYC's entry in the Decorated Boat Parade.

## CRUZ NUZ MAY 2002

By Malcolm Sowers, Cruising Chair

Opening Day of the yachting Season, ushered in by the exemplary efforts and extraordinary talent of Glen Krawiec and enthusiastic helping hands of club members won FIRST PLACE (again) in the Decorated Yacht Parade. Now if the weather could only decide to quit giving us encores of winter's cold alternating with spring warmth .....

Your cruise chairman (with friends & potential new IYC members in second boat) took a "mini cruise" on a weekday for bird watching on Brooks Island. Pam Krawiec came along, made it ashore (dry) in the caretaker's motorboat. I experienced a problem with inflating the dinghy; my outboard and I suffered a bit of a wetting. However had a change of clothing aboard. Decided donut design is poor concept with its strap on transom.

Sold dinghy at recent IYC auction for what it cost me to have it rehabilitated a couple of years ago (to Peter L who uses oar power.) A win-win situation for all.

**CRUISERS, join us for the club's 3 day Memorial Day weekend to Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City.** Plenty of berths as their club has planned a cruise to Vallejo that weekend. Rumor has it we will be greeted at Sequoia by former IYC Member John \_\_\_\_\_. If coming by boat, you can call on Channel 68 to announce your impending arrival.

Whether you are coming by car or boat, Sequoia's home page [sequoiayc.org](http://sequoiayc.org) can give you directions and a map. I found one phrase: "a dog leg to the right under the power cables" potentially misleading. Just stay between the Redwood Creek red and green channel markers. Sequoia's website also gives GPS Way points to the club. *Sinaloa* will depart the mouth of Oakland Estuary **Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M.**

Figure 24 miles at 4+ knots and being swept along by a flood tide of average speed 2 knots. Ergo an over-the-bottom average of 6 k and voila, an ETA of *about* 1600. (Berthing will be a bit more felicitous if we have spread out a little, don't all arrive at the same moment.)

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## IYC flocks to PICYA Meeting

By Ted Crum, Association Liaison Committee Chair

Flushed with our success in the Opening Day Parade, IYC mounted a major posse to the delegates meeting. PICYA Vice Commodore Linda Newland was at the head table, and Pam Krawiec reserved a table for the other six of us (Pam & Glen, Ben & Gisela, Lou Haberman, and myself.) I got there an hour early and took my choice of the two reserved tables, which Gisela bravely defended. So there was no dining in the bar this time. In fact we made room for Phil Halloran of Spinnaker who did eat with Lou and me at the bar in March. If you see Phil congratulate him for quitting cigarettes on the 15<sup>th</sup>, even if it's not true.

Before the meeting we saw a video of the parade, and the competition was pretty strong. It was Glen's improbable twenty-foot flag that elevated us above the fleet, though I think our "statuettes" were a cut above too.

The Vice Commodore has overall responsibility for Opening Day, and Linda certainly deserves the plaque presented to her by the Delegates at Large for her service. Ben was able to launch a standing ovation for her, which she took without any visible strain. Bob Usher was in charge of the on-the-water activities, and he gave credit to the participants and Mike Chapman of the US Power Squadron for the most orderly and well-attended parade in years, though he is being a bit modest.

Admin Secretary John Chalfant was the liaison to the sponsors of the parade, and consequently in charge of awards. The Primary Sponsor was Boat U.S., who donated about \$600 in merchandise as well as other considerations. Surprisingly, the second sponsor listed in the program is Mr. Chalfant himself for donating a Victory sailing dinghy out of his own fleet as a prize.

It is that very dinghy that Island won for topping the Sailboats Decorated to Theme division, in addition to a basket of prizes including a Hawaiian Chieftain cruise, a Pier 39 Fun Pack, gloves from West Marine, an overnight at Dockside Boats, a Yachting Yearbook, a subscription to Bay and Delta Yachtsman and a baby's arm holding an apple. Other divisions got a GPS or \$100 from Boat U.S. in place of the dinghy. The boat has no trailer and is lying in Marin County.

Thanks to Oyster Point for acres of free parking, a fine roast pork dinner, and a formidable bar manager.

## Richard Whiteman

In Memoriam

Richard Whiteman, former IYC member, died on May 3, 2002. Richard and Phyllis Whiteman sailed their Newport 41 *Level Five* out of Marina Bay, Richmond.

A memorial will be held on Friday, June 7, 2002 at 2:00pm at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, located at 1 Lawson Road, Kensington.

## Tips on Sailing to Sequoia YC

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Please let me know if you are coming by boat so I can tell their club how many boats to expect. Leave message at (510) 537 2377 or e-mail us via [hsowers@csuhayward.edu](mailto:hsowers@csuhayward.edu). As Dan Laramie has announced, we plan a big social get together Sunday and group dinner Sunday Evening.

Going home Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> will take longer as the opposing flood and subsequent ebb will about cancel each other. You may prefer to motor past the typical wind shadow behind Mt. Bruno if tide is still flooding.



Gisela Linder, sporting a Styrofoam crown, is escorted by Uncle Ben, er, Sam.

Photo by Bill King

### GET YOUR PICYA YEARBOOKS!

The PICYA Yachting Yearbooks arrived, hot off the press. They are a great resource & provide a wealth of info about Bay Area sailing. The advertisers are geared to sailing. These yearbooks cost the club about \$10 each and are available now. Commodore Dan suggest a \$10.00 donation to defray the cost to the club. We have a limited number available so act soon.

## IYC Produces an Uncle Sam

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the water was over 60 degrees and quite pleasant. I'm amazed at quickly I get exhausted out there. Tony stays in for hours, I don't know how he does it (could it be he's better at it? I get tumbled around a lot more.)—but I do know that much napping follows.

At our last Board meeting we agreed that Ben simply **had** to be Uncle Sam in the Decorated Boat Parade. I'm glad to see Ben acquiesced. See you on the water!  
—Janet

San Clemente Pier  
& Catalina Island



Photo by Janet Frankel

## From California to Colombia

By Fred Kearney—Part One of Two

It has been about 4½ months since I moved to Cali and it has been a very interesting change for me. At least I haven't been kidnapped, blown up in a random bombing of a shopping center, or confronted by one of the multitude of street criminals.

I am teaching part time at two universities and expect to add a third in July when the next semester begins. I found everyone works here part time as the labor laws make employers pay more benefits for full time workers than part time. So there are essentially no full time jobs available. Funny how that works. I am enjoying my classes and am gradually becoming more comfortable telling people about the rules of English grammar. Since I don't really know much about grammar, it has been a challenge getting up to speed, at least to the point that I create an illusion of competence. At least my mom taught me to speak well so I sound credible.

At one university, Pontificia Universidad de Javeriana, a Jesuit school, I teach law and political science students. The kids are really nice and I relate well to them. Perhaps, because I never really grew up? They are very much like students in the US in that they try to avoid work when ever reasonably possible, have an infinite ability to come up with excuses, and to get them to do the same thing at once is like herding cats. My students at the Corporación Universitaria Autónoma de Occidente are a little easier to deal with as they are all professors and administrators. They are more reliable and I don't hear the excuses, nevertheless, when it comes to wanting to do as little work as possible, they are right in there with the kids.

I am living in comfortable apartment in a condo complex. I would prefer a house, but the 24 hour a day security is a must here as home invasion robberies and burglaries are very common. The neighbors are generally quiet and friendly. The apartment is about a 5 or

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## Volunteers on Opening Day

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rated Boat, the Wizard Of Opening Day, the Special Effects Director Par Excellence, our own Glen Krawiec and his dedicated band of boat artists. Glen and company have won this trophy so many times that I think PICYA is going to rename it the IYC/Glen Krawiec traveling award. Glen had a great team of helpers whose names should appear elsewhere in the Mainsheet. I'm afraid I'd miss someone, as I wasn't actually there for the event so I'll leave the naming to someone else. Even though I haven't mentioned your names—thanks for a stellar effort.

The 21st annual IYC Double Handed Lightship Race was held April 13th using the Golden Gate Yacht Club race deck. I want to take this opportunity to thank GGYC for their hospitality and can highly recommend a visit there any time you are in the area. Call the bar manager for guest dock space and enjoy a great view and a great bunch of people. Speaking of a great bunch of people, we had a great group on the race deck for the DHLS headed up by Rear Commodore Dianne Duey and Race Officer Joanne McFee. Race Chair Carol Hess provided her computer expertise, Glenn and Pam Krawiec along with Dave Hand, the Vice Commodore, handled the flags and I got to shoot the gun. It was a good effort and the racers sure seemed to appreciate it.

Speaking of racers—Saturday May 18th at our next general meeting we are distributing the trophies/prizes for the DHLS race at around 1830 hrs. Following the ceremony we will have our regular dinner meeting followed by live music in the lounge. Please show your appreciation for the folks who race by joining us for the presentation and staying for dinner and dancing.

Our annual auction April 27th was a lot of fun and netted the club around \$200.00. Over the years people have sure gathered together some interesting things. It was fun to see what was available and to get some great bargains.

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## Flotsam & Jetsam ...

Glen and Pam Krawiec bought a 19-foot camper van from Moturis, undoubtedly inspired by Betty Sleeth's 17½-foot camper van, purchased from the same company. Glen and Pam are departing this week to drive across country to visit Chuck and Martha McMahon, and Pete and Carol Pflaumer in Florida. Remember our going away party for Chuck and Martha? And the Pflaumers are the ones who donated our beloved Wurlitzer jukebox at the clubhouse!

Speaking of Betty Sleeth, she is recovering nicely and learning to walk again. Be wary of bounding pups!

## IYC Sails *Yankee Doodle* ...

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Ahlf, Ellen Atteberry, and Pam Krawiec. They danced their way into the hearts of the judges and adoring crowds. Backing them up in red, white and blue outfits were Joyce Logan and Portia Pollner. Swaying to the patriotic melodies blasting from the tape that Portia salvaged from some dusty attic, Ben Mewes' boat *Georgia* was renamed *Yankee Doodle* for the event.

The boat featured at 10-foot tall replica of the Statue of Liberty painted by Joyce Logan. It was so impressive that Ben left it on his boat for two weeks and even carried it in IYC's Friday Nite beer can race. Also featured were a 16-foot long Golden Gate Bridge and a 15' X 25' American Flag hoisted up the mast, square-rigger style. The sides and boom of the boat were covered in red, white and blue carpet remnants assiduously assembled by Ted Crum. Bill Gun manned the CO2 extinguishers during the parade, which fired off the fog under the Golden Gate replica. Gisela Linder made sure the crowd knew what the smoke was all about by holding up a "FOG" sign. Ben Mewes grinned at the judges from under his top hat and Uncle Sam costume, sewn by Nan Gray, who owns a canvas shop.

The assembly crew on Saturday consisted of Malcolm and Helen Sowers, with his coils of rigging cable, which was useful in holding down the American Flag while it was being constructed in Alameda Marina's windy parking lot. Bill King shared his expertise by fastening the chicken wire and paper flag with telephone wire. Mark Arguello, a new IYC member, was the first worker on scene and helped lay out the flag. Betty Sleeth lent moral support while leaning on her crutches, and physical support helping Ellen Atteberry make 50-foot long pennants that covered the headstay, backstay, and rails. Jane Laramie found the plastic tablecloths that made up these pennants.

Wayne Milani donated a space at the guest dock for our use. He has done this for the last seven years for each Opening Day. The CO2 extinguishers were donated by Acme Fire Extinguisher Company on Fruitvale Avenue in Oakland. They have done this for the last five years. The carpet was donated by Bay Area Contract Carpets on Independent Way in Oakland; they have also previously donated cardboard cores and padding.

Over the years, IYC has entered the Decorated Sailboat Competition nine times. We have won first place seven times, and placed second and third the other times. So many people played a role of support, we wish to thank everyone who provided good ideas and encouragement and were involved in this winning endeavor. Thanks and we'll see you next year!

## Perspectives from Colombia

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10 minute drive to both places where I work so it is easy to go to and from work between classes. I used to work in the north part of Cali and had to travel between a ½ hour and 45 minutes each way. Fortunately, I quit working there and don't have the commute. Shopping is very near where I live. It is a 10 minute walk to 2 large supermarkets and a major shopping center.

Day to day living here is not really that much different from the US in many ways. Almost all the products we have in the US are available in one form or another here. Prices, even for locally produced food; however, are quite high. Gasoline is about the same, domestically produced clothes are cheaper but if you buy anything with a known label it is almost as much as in the US. Essentially, the only things which are significantly cheaper here are the cost of labor and medical care. Medical insurance is about 35% of what it costs in the US. Doctors even make house calls. The food is boring to say the least. It is fine if you like lots of meat and

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Yankee Doodle floats past the PICYA Judges.

Photo provided by Linda Newland



## Welcome to New Members!

Let's extend our warmest Island YC welcome to our new members!

MARK ARGUELLO immediately helped decorate *Yankee Doodle*, and crewed on *Hobbit* in our Friday Night Race #3. BUD & GAYLE NELSON came here from Wasilla, Alaska, and are getting ready to go cruising on their O'Day 37, *Skookum*. ROBERT GRONACHON has a Cal 20, *Sunrise*, and dreams of cruising.

Linda Ahlf  
as Statue  
of Liberty



Photo by Ben Mewes

## From California to Colombia

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grease. They deep fry far too much and the idea of serving raw vegetables is almost unthinkable. Mexican food is very hard to find and is a lot like what you would expect to find in a Mexican restaurant in New Hampshire – not quite clear on the concept. Chiles are almost unavailable as most Colombians recoil at the thought of eating something spicy. There are many Chinese restaurants, but I am told the food is horrible and contains ingredients which are not often on the conventional list of ingredients, especially when it comes to the meat. One of the nice things is that most of the public conveniences are cleaner than we see in the US and most cities have a large cadre of street cleaners who keep things remarkably tidy.

Getting around in Cali is a challenge. No one has the faintest idea how to drive. You can hardly go anywhere without seeing a fender bender or worse. There are almost no parking lanes or shoulders so all the busses stop in the traffic lanes to pick up and drop off passengers – and not always in the right lane either. When they feel like waiting for a while, they simply park in the lane – again, not always in the right lane. Lanes have no significance what so ever. I think nearly every Colombian thinks the lines are there to so you can center your car above one of them and straddle two lanes more effectively. Any space a car can fit is fair space to enter, especially at traffic lights. Turns across 2 or 3 – or more – lanes of traffic are perfectly acceptable, especially when there are a lot of cars trying to go straight and the turning car, of course, never signals. Left turn lanes are for trying to pass cars ahead of you at an intersection by going around them and racing ahead before the light changes. Traffic lights only count if there are cars in the intersection or immediately about to enter. Buses have absolute right away and you have to stay out of their way or you will surely get hit. Taxi drivers haven't a clue what "normas de transito" are and believe that they can drive anywhere they want, as fast or slow as they like, and stop anywhere they want. Again, its everyone else's job to get

out of their way. In a word its utter anarchy without a traffic cop to be seen. The amazing thing is that no one seems to get p.o.'d in all this chaos. If they were in Texas, they would get their guns out and start shooting at each other.

I have taken a few trips out of town but have had to limit my travel because of security reasons. The most recent of which was to Los Termales de Santa Rosa. It is an incredibly beautiful place in the mountains just north of Pereira (which is about a 2 ½ hour drive north of Cali). You have to travel for about 8 km on a dirt road to get there. There is a very old hotel and hot spring fed swimming pools there to lounge around in. The problem with traveling is that the FARC and AUC like to set up unofficial road blocks and invite guests to visit them for a while. I prefer to avoid such invitations.



Photo by Fred Kearney

All and all Colombia is an incredibly beautiful country, filled with natural resources. If they could ever end the civil war and get street crime down to a tolerable level, they could make billions of \$ on eco-tourism. The scenery is spectacular and in many parts of the country and the wildlife is beyond anything you can imagine. Unfortunately, I don't think the war is about to end any time soon and in the long run, I don't think the average Colombian really appreciates what they have and how they are going to lose it if they aren't careful.

The people are friendly and I have enjoyed most of my interactions. On the other hand, Colombians haven't a clue about what it means to be even marginally punctual or what the value of a person's time is. Lateness is a national pastime and delays for everything are the norm. As with any economically "challenged" country, there are far too many hustlers who are out to get what ever they can from everyone with whom they have contact. I can't count the times I have had people tell me: "Don't trust other Colombians here because they will take what ever they can get, but you can trust me." I think this sentence is on the back of every national identity card (cedula) just like the all the cops in the US carry a card with the Miranda warning.

Also, I am now a grandfather! Monica and Alex added Theodore Oliver Yu to their family in March.

Well gotta go for now. If you get a chance write soon.  
—Chao, Fred.

## Coming to Grips with Vice

By Dave Hand, Vice Commodore

April was an action-packed month at I.Y.C. We started the spring "beer can" series, ran a successful Double Handed Lightship race, held an auction, and once again took first place in the decorated boat parade on opening day. A lot of people worked hard on the decorated boat but it was Glen Krawiec's vision that won the day.

In the upcoming weeks we have a monthly dinner on the 18th May with an as yet to be determined culinary experience to be put on by Peter Linehan. Prior to the dinner will be the presentation of awards for the Double Handed Lightship race, and it is rumored that afterwards there will be a band and dancing.

On the Memorial Day weekend (25th to the 27th May) our first major cruise to Sequoia Y.C. near Redwood City is scheduled. The event includes some miniature golf, a whack in a batting cage and dinner in Sequoia Y.C.'s club house. Contact Malcolm Sowers or me for more information.

Although nearly two months away I should also like to mention the new format for our Silver Eagle Race. Starting this year there be a shorter course of about 41 nm for boats with a PHRF of 160 or higher. This will hopefully permit the slower boats to finish before the wind drops, and allow both racers and race committee to head home at a reasonable hour. So if you have, or know anybody who has a boat that fits into this category let's try and get the fleet back up to the numbers it once had.

## Nacing Rews

By Joanne McFee, Racing Reporter

Spring has sprung, the birds are singing, and somehow it's affected my writing hand. It not working good. We have an official Opening day on the Bay, but in truth we can sail and race here year 'round. In April, the DHLS was the 113th race since January 1!

The official YRA racing season began with the 101st Vallejo Race and Party on May 4 and 5. Conditions reportedly were great, with 20 knot winds and a light ebb both days. IYC boats included Ben Mewes' *Mirage* in third place going up, Heidi Schmidt's *Dominatrix* in fourth place going up and third coming back, and John New's *Islander 30*, *Wuvulu*, in second place going up. Great job by all!

*Dulcinea*, with Mike Mathiasen & Bill Pritchard, continue their winning ways in the Interclub series. Also coming in first in division was *Wuvulu*. Scott Tipper's

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## Party, Putt & Pop-up!

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Upcoming events—Party Putt and Pop-up. On Memorial Day weekend (May 25th, 26th, and 27th) Malcolm Sowers, our IYC cruise chair, has put together an extravaganza at Sequoia YC in Redwood City to titillate even the most jaded cruiser. Saturday early evening after an interesting trip to a part of the bay that most of us don't visit often, we will have a barbecue at Sequoia YC. Following the party we will adjourn to the nearby Malibu miniature golf course for the 1st ever IYC open. For those of you who are game we will also enter the batting cage for 20 slow pitch softballs. Transportation to and from the YC (less than a mile) will be provided. Trophies/prizes will be awarded to the survivors using a formula known only to your intrepid Commodore. All decisions by the judging committee are final and subject only to change by act of God or buying the Commodore a drink. See you on the water!

—Dan Laramie, Commodore

## The Silver Eaglet is Born

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Express 27 *Great White* came in fifth in its spinnaker division. *Georgia* is competing in the nonspinnaker division and came in third. Ben said it had something to do with going to the wrong buoy on the first leg. Oops!

Friday nights are well on the way. "Bumper Boats on the Estuary" is featured in the 1st two starts, with 10-15 boats on the line. The race on May 10 had the Race Committee scrambling to change courses as the wind flipped 180 degrees right before the start. A reverse course was called and it looked very strange to see boats starting the "wrong way." Most everyone picked up the change, but *Great White* was last seen heading towards Jack London Square...!

Our next big race is the Silver Eagle Long Distance Race. IYC has been running this race for 27 years and it's gone through some changes over the years. Originally the race went out the gate to Point Bonita, but it was changed to an all-in-the-Bay-race of about 75 miles. A few years ago it was shortened to 67 miles because some of the deeper drafts boats ran out of depth at the southern turning mark. Another big change looms. Skippers and crews of smaller boats and ones with higher PHRF ratings get pretty tired and some have trouble finishing within the 24 hours time limit. So, the Silver Eaglet has been hatched! It's a 40+ mile course for boats rating 160 and up, and I fully expect to see *Hobbit* on the line on race day!

Now I have real writer's cramp, so until next time, have fun out there!

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**MAINSHEET**

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**B**oard Meeting at IYC Clubhouse.  
Wednesday, May 15, at 1830 hours.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**  
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- May 18**    **General Meeting and Dinner**  
**DOUBLEHAND LIGHTSHIP AWARDS**
- May 25**    **Cruise to Sequoia Yacht Club**  
**to 27**        *Party, Putt & Pop-Up*
- May 31**    **Friday Nite Race #4 (Spring Series)**  
**Flat-water Estuary Sailing**