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## DON'T FORGET !

- Feb 22—Bartending Seminar 1600 hrs  
—General Meeting & Annual Crab Feed! 1800 hrs
- Mar 01—Sadie Hawkins Race 1200 hrs  
Chowder Cookoff
- Mar 04—IYC Board Meeting 1830 hrs
- Mar 15—Double Handed Lightship Race 1000 hrs



## A Brit at the Helm

By David Hand, Commodore

It looks as if 2003 started well with English night on the 18th going off well with food prepared by Joanne McFee with a little help from myself, and by a very well attended Superbowl Sunday/Joanne's birthday party on the 26th. Unfortunately the local team was unable to pull it off. (Boy is that an understatement)

One of our major events, the annual Crab Feed, is coming up on the 22nd Feb and we have guests who are attending from The International Order of the Blue Gavel, so that should make it an extra special event this year. Following on from that is the Sadie Hawkins Race on 1st March followed by our first ever Clam Chowder Cook-Off, personally I prefer the Manhattan style,

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## Our Secret Vice ...

By Diane Duey McClure, Vice Commodore

Thanks to Portia Polner for an excellent presentation at the January meeting. I heard many good comments about her program, and I'm sorry I was unable to be there.

February's program will be limited to the crabs.

I am working on a boat maintenance program for the March meeting, but as this goes to press, it's not confirmed. There will be more about it in the March newsletter to tempt you to come to the March meeting.

I am excited about our April and May presenters, and want to share them

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## Cruz News

By Malcolm Sowers, Cruising Chair

Ye olde Cruise Chairman will return from Cuba March 7th, and will write up a schedule of '03 cruises after he gets more input/suggestions from interested members.

Arrangements have been made with Coyote Point Yacht Club for a cruise there on the Memorial Day weekend - Saturday, May 24. Interesting things to do Sunday, the 25th. Return home Monday, the 26th. Will need a head count for dinner at their club Sat. nite. On Sunday eve we plan to eat at nearby golf course. Breakfasts, etc., on boat or at the Club House.

It is a little hard to write this month's Cruz Nuz as ye old chairman broke his thumb skiing on ice at Bear Valley Jan 24, so apologies for an embarrassing error in Jan. Nuz will be brief. I named wrong boat - it was *Sunburst*, not *Jabberwock* and Ahlfs, not Hands in the Around Alameda Cruise New Year's Day. Guess that with the nine people hanging from the rails, rigging, in the cockpit and on the foredeck, *Sunburst* looked bigger than 30'. They borrowed a life jacket from Sinaloa to be in Coast Guard compliance. (I tried to get it back from David Hand, but like the good Englishman he is, he only looked bewildered, and didn't retort with some typical American vulgarity like "You must be full of \_\_\_\_.") I apologize for my mistake and thank him for his civility in the matter.

Rumor has it that Diane McClure will have a weather man speak at our March meeting on the 17th. I'd like his input on a phenomenon I call "Lake San Francisco - or racers' best kept secret." Took me nearly 35 years of YRA racing to figure it out. If the speaker is a no-show (again), I've suggested we could get some audience input into this weather "secret" and that we ask members of the audience to relate their most memorable weather stories... OK, Cruisers - email me your suggestions A.S. A.P. for this year's cruises.

Malcolm Sowers

## Nacing Rews

By Joanne McFee, Racing Chair

Nacing Rews is back!

For newbies, "Tank McNamara" was a comic strip whose hero was an ex-football player turned sports commentator who never got his words quite right. He hosted the "Norts Spews" and it was pretty funny. Hopefully, I can inform, amuse, and ... um ... peek properly.

2003 dawned bright and beautiful. It was cold at my house, so I dressed like the Michi Man. On the plus side, I didn't wear my jacket all day. Joining nine other souls on Rich and Shirley Ahlf's *Sunburst*, escorted by more

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## Rear View Mirror

By Peter Linehan, Rear Commodore

Hello all, once again our editor has allowed me some space with which to air my opinions. First of all, I'd like to thank our Race Chair the infamous Ben Mewes. His help has been a godsend. Also my thanks go out to the technology challenged Joanne McFee. This pair is really the backbone of IYC racing. And we all look forward to a great season of races. The Double-Handed Lightship Race should have a great turnout this year, Bill King may even venture outside the gate for this one. That's 25 long miles in a Santana 22. At last glance I think we even had a Cal-20 signed up to keep him company. Hopefully the fickle winds of spring will play fair and the seas won't keep Janet hiding in the cabin. (She's been known to do just that if it's too lumpy out there.) I can hardly wait.

So, next on the list of perfect sailing destinations. Hanalei Bay, what a great place. Home of the legendary Puff (the magic dragon), Finish line of the Pacific Cup (or is it the Trans-Pac?). Anyway, I could have stayed for months. Located on the wet north side of Kauai, the Hanalei River winds up a valley of patchwork fields planted with taro, rice, and other less identifiable crops. The beach is long and crescent shaped. Fully protected by a reef it's a great place for surfing and swimming. Big sea turtles glide around underwater. The backdrop of verdant mountains, jagged and sharp contrasted against the bluest sky anywhere. The smell of recent rain. Yumm!! I would have starved to death if I had to rely on my fishing skills for food. And yet while snorkeling around, the water was chock full of fish. All sorts of fish, big fish, little fish, red fish, blue fish. All safely swimming about. Fortunately the local restaurants picked up the slack and kept me chubby as ever. Across the island in the town of Lihue I found a crowd of locals packed into one of the best saimin joints anywhere (that's ramen to you mainlanders, hot noodle soup!!). Fully fortified and sloshing full of homemade noodles, what else would you do but go body surfing? Well of course you would. So off to the beach at Piopu, and a very tubular time. Although the washing machine type of tumbling I could have done without. But hey, having to blow bubbles while underwater to find out which way is up, that's a fun time in my book. The drive over to the south side of the island is also nice, plantation roads lined with big old trees, an abandoned rice mill off in the distance. All reminds me of old Hawaii lifestyle.

Of course, a week is never long enough to stay, so the flight home seemed to come all too soon. Back in the Bay Area, the Alameda Marina folks were calling to say the dinghy was full of water and in danger of sinking. It seems that the rain was falling hard and fast, a sure sign of a pleasant spring.

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## Volunteering at IYC

By Janet Frankel, *Mainsheet* Editor

So last month, I talked about the fabulous time I had cruising around the Island on New Year's Day in the beautiful sunshine. One of the great thrills was watching the bridges open and close to allow the boats to pass beneath. I took some photos, and am taking advantage of my control of IYC's *Mainsheet* to print one. I hope you enjoy it.



Past IYC Commodore, present IYC member, and wonderful person Linda Newland is this year's PICYA Commodore. I stopped by the Installation Dinner at Corinthian YC (black tie optional, me in a conspicuously casual dinner getup) to wish her the best of luck and deliver a bouquet of flowers (by my great good fortune, she was not allergic to any of them!)-then dashed off to a prior commitment. Later, I received a thank-you card from Linda that was so nicely written, I'm saving it for future plagiarism purposes.

OK enough of that.

I'll be missing the IYC Crab Feed this year. I'm sure the crabs won't mind, but I regret not being able to go because it sounds like this year will be the best yet! The Blue Gavel Change of Watch occurs that very night, and that plus our Crab Feed equals a fun time. I don't particularly care about missing out on the crab, they are yummy but generally I go home wounded. Hopefully you, Dear Reader, do not share my ineptness problem, in which case you might not know what I mean. Delicacy dictates, however, that I refrain from explaining further. My apologies for being obscure.

I've recently done some sailing on OPBs, very fun in-

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## A Note from the Bar

By Joan Wetherell, Bar Manager

I am looking for volunteers to help tend bar at the various events and meetings. Any General Meeting, race day/night, special dinner, party or other event, when the bar will be open, I could use some help. Joanne McFee is a steady volunteer here, but we could use some more reinforcements. Either Joanne or I will usually be there to supervise, and anyone who has not bartended before will not be left to handle it alone. The bar will be stocked ahead of time, there is a general set of instructions for volunteers, and I can meet ahead of time with anyone who would like a guided tour of the bar and a dry (literally!) run through the routine. Anyone interested, email me at: joanwetherell@earthlink.net. Or call me at 925-837-9408. Leave me your name and number, and email address. Tending bar is a great way to get to know the members.

Joan Wetherell

## Midwinters on Weekends

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folks aboard Malcolm and Helen Sowers' *Sinaloa*, I went around the Island. Aboard *Sunburst* were nine skippers, four staff commodores and one vice commodore. Who was boss at the dock? I shall not tell. I counted sixteen current and six past IYC members enjoying food, drink and camaraderie.

This article was supposed to be about racing? Okay – racing is happening – a lot. Midwinters are a great way to join the racing fleet, and there's at least one race every Saturday and Sunday.

The usual suspects are out there (some of them WAAAY out there, but that's another article). Janet Frankel is crewing with Ben Mewes, Ted Crum with Heidi Schmidt, Dawn Chesney with John New and Laurie Miller. I don't know who's crewing with Scott Tipper, Roger English, Dick Lotspeich, Ken Viaggi and Brian Grainger. Bill King,

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## It's Time to Renew

By Devon Hand, Membership Chair

Its time for membership renewals and many of you have already sent in your renewal forms. Our dues are the backbone of the yacht club's economy, so don't make us chase you. I'll have renewal forms available the night of the crab feed, so I'll be happy to give you one. I'll also have new membership cards for those members who have already renewed their membership for 2003. See you there!

Devon Hand

## **Mirage & Dominatrix Seek Hats**

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were are you? [Ed. Note: I took Dawn's place on John News' boat for one of the races, what fun! I think my actual technical title is "substitute crew."]

Ben and *Mirage* are winning hats in the Alameda Mid-winters, as are Heidi and *Dominatrix*. OYC's Sunday Brunch features Roger English and *Strike Slip*. John New and *Wuvulu* are chewing up several race courses.

Corinthian Yacht Club hosts one of the best race series, summer or winter. Four races are run on two weekends. Pineapple Sails hosts a keg on Saturday night, and there's a band. On either side there's a race. Next month we'll find out how Ben and *Georgia*, Dawn and *Starkite* did.

The Single Handed Sailing Society's Three Bridge Fiasco is one of the Bay's cult races. Sailed single or double handed, boats go either way to the Gate, Bay and Richmond Bridges. Starts are interesting. IYC boats were *Mirage* (did well) *Wuvulu* (3rd in division) and *Dominatrix* (finished for the very first time!).

Remember our upcoming races! Race if you can, help on Race Committee too.

March 1 is the Sadie Hawkins Race, held on the Estuary. It's the bay area's oldest women's skippers race, but it's fun, not moldy. This year it will be followed by a chowder cookoff. Don't like clams? Make corn chowder!

March 15 is a big one – the Double Handed Lightship. This year we're the first of the ocean races, and a great way to ease into ocean races. Race, help out or just come and enjoy a day at the Golden Gate Yacht Club.

That's it in a BIG nutshell. Check [www.iyc.org](http://www.iyc.org) for entries and information on Sadie and Lightship. Keep me informed on how you're doing. If you're shy, I'm inching into the 21st Century – fax me at 925-254-5384. Let me know, too, if you're looking for a ride on a race boat.

Until next month, nobody sink.

Joanne

## **Boat Maintenance Time**

Now's the time to do all of that boat maintenance you've been putting off all winter and get your boat ready for the upcoming races.

When you get done, come and see me. I've got a long list for *Hobbit* too.

Cheers,  
Peter

## **PICYA Commodore's Ball**

**By Ted Crum, IYC Association Liaison Chair**

On January 25 I had the pleasure of attending (in Black Tie!) the PICYA Commodore's Ball, at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon. At this gala the new board and officers, headed by Commodore Linda Newland are welcomed to their office.

Linda's guests at our table included Jerry Desmond Senior and Junior, the State lobbyists for the RBOC, Gail Hine of the Southern California Yachting Association, Lou Haberman, Lou's friend from Spinnaker Yacht Club Phil Halloran, and myself. The Corinthian's galley made the excellent meal, memorable for the Barbie-size potatoes.

Master of Ceremonies and Yachtsman of the Year Joan Marsh Clune asked Staff Commodore Robert Carden to give the Invocation, which included a plea for non-violence (!) that might have elicited a murmur but that no one had a chance. The prayer was followed, without pause, by other comments, including a congratulation to Ward Cleaveland on his 94th birthday, and those many of us not alert enough to notice that the invocation was over stood head-down for the quite lively Mr. Cleaveland until Phil stage whispered "amen".

The business (though this was really a celebration) began with thanks to Russ Robinson for his work with RBOC, and the award of the Silver Star to Director Randy Trudeau for his service to safety. Then ten of the senior delegates raised their flag standards and made a slightly tremulous archway, through which the new board passed into office. The formation was broken before Maney Mier could proceed, but it was quickly raised again for the ever-smiling director.

When the clarinet and keyboard began the dance music, I took to my left feet and headed home to see Heidi, who was forced to miss the event by real sailing business - the Three Bridge Fiasco. My congratulations to the new board and to Linda. She knows that she has the support of the Club.

This has been my last function as a PICYA delegate, at least for this year. George Kavorkian will relieve me, while Linda Newland and Lou Haberman stay on. I will continue as our Association Liaison Committee Chair, and I will report from meetings I might attend as a guest or as a backup to extend our attendance record.

Other business: The IYC Liaison Committee generally includes a representative to BoatU.S., through whose agency our members are able to join BoatU.S. at a discount. The recent purchase of the BoatU.S. retail stores (private and profitable) by West Marine may have made that arrangement obsolete. I'll look into it.

Ted Crum  
Liaison Committee Chair

## **PICYA at Discovery Bay**

**By George Kavorkian, PICYA Representative**

On February 3, I attended my first PICYA meeting since being appointed Island Yacht Club's PICYA representative. Discovery Bay Yacht Club hosted the meeting. Our own Linda Newland introduced me to the membership (who as you all know, is PICYA Commodore this year.) I was very impressed by the membership, who all seemed vested in promoting not only boating safety but also keep a sharp eye on the legislature to see "boating" interest.

Emphasis during the meeting was on increasing boating safety. Currently PICYA points can be earned by any yacht club that appoints a "Safety Officer" whose job will be to encourage members to have the safety inspections offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I will try and keep track of ideas I hear on ways in which Island Yacht Club can earn PICYA points.

PICYA and RBOC were very impressed with the report of one yacht club that every one of their members had donated to RBOC. Points also can be earned by a yacht club by publishing PICYA and RBOC information in their newsletters and sending it to the organization. I hope to discuss these ideas with our board at the next meeting.

That seems to be all for this month.

Respectfully,  
George Kavorkian

## **Volunteer for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary**

At no time in recent history have the demands on the Coast Guard been so great as in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on American soil. And with the growing conflict in the middle east, the need for new volunteers to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary is stronger today than ever before.

The opportunities and responsibilities associated with serving your country as an active civilian volunteer member of Team Coast Guard have never been greater.

Congress established the USCG Auxiliary in 1939 to assist the Coast Guard in promoting boating safety. In 1996, Congress authorized the Auxiliary to perform virtually all missions performed by the active duty and reserve members of the U.S. Coast Guard, with the exception of direct law enforcement and military action. But recently, its role has taken on many vital new challenges and responsibilities, especially since September 11th. They have become extensions of the eyes

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## **Purple Elvis in the Galley**

**By Nancy Lasky, Galley Manager**

The Club needs your help for set-up and clean-up at the crab feed, February 22. Anyone who can help, please call me at 510-410-3767, before February 16, after, call the club. This is your club, so let's keep it going by volunteering. Thank you very, very much.

—Nancy Lasky

## **The US Coast Guard Needs You**

and ears of the active duty Coast Guard. And on March 1, 2003, the Auxiliary will become the preeminent volunteer agency in the new Department of Homeland Security.

Current estimates of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's contributions to "Operations Noble Eagle and Patriot Readiness" in support of the Coast Guard, amount to nearly 300,000 volunteer man-hours. The Auxiliary also saves the American taxpayer an estimated \$200 million annually.

Today there is an exciting new level of purpose and an added sense of pride that comes from being a valued member of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – America's Volunteer Lifesaver's.

Volunteer members come from all walks of life, and receive essentially the same training as their active duty and reserve counterparts so that they can be a functional part of the Coast Guard's forces.

Members of the Auxiliary also assist the Coast Guard in non-law enforcement programs such as public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols, search and rescue, marine environmental protection, Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission (AIM), and numerous Auxiliary Aviation programs, to name just a few.

Whether you are a first time boater or an "old salt", the Coast Guard Auxiliary can provide you with good comradeship and the skills to help keep America Safe, while improving public safety on the water. And in many instances, you may be working directly with the U.S. Coast Guard, an opportunity that most other services do not offer.

For further information about joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary, please call 1-877-875-6296. Alternatively, visit them on the web at [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org), click on "Visitors' Deck," and then click on "Join The Auxiliary."

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## ICY Calendar Re-Visited

Feb 22	All you can Eat Crab Feed!
Mar 1	Sadie Hawkins Race, Chowder Cook-off!
Mar 15	Double Handed Lightship Race
Mar 22	Dinner and General Meeting
Apr 18	Friday Night Races (Spring Series #1)
Apr 26	Dinner and General Meeting
Apr 27	OPENING DAY ON THE BAY
May 2	Friday Night Races (Spring Series #2)
May 16	Friday Night Races (Spring Series #3)
May 17	Dinner, and General Meeting
May 24-26	Memorial Day Cruise: Coyote Point YC
May 30	Friday Night Races (Spring Series #4)
Jun 13	Friday Night Races (Spring Series #5)
Jun 21	Dinner and General Meeting
Jul 4	Fireworks at Jack London Square
Jul 4-7	Independence Day Cruise
Jul 19-20	Silver Eagle Long Distance Race
Jul 26	Dinner and General Meeting
Aug 1	Friday Night Races (Summer Series #1)
Aug 15	Friday Night Races (Summer Series #2)
Aug 23	PIG ROAST and General Meeting
Aug 30-Sep 1	Labor Day cruise to Half Moon Bay
Sep 5	Friday Night Races (Summer Series #3)
Sep 19	Friday Night Races (Summer Series #4)
Sep 27	Socializing, Dinner and General Meeting
Oct 3	Friday Night Races (Summer Series #5)
Oct 11-12	11th Annual Women's Sailing Seminar@
Oct 18	Yankee Cup
Oct 19	Commodore's Cup and Chili Challenge!
Oct 25	HALLOWEEN PARTY
Nov 01	Jack & Jill + One Race
Dec 6	CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER
Dec 13	Lighted Boat Parade
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party!

## SECURITY UPDATE 2003

The terrorist acts against the United States on September 11, 2001, and the recently heightened terrorist threat level have increased the need for safety and security measures in U.S. ports and waterways.

**1) TEMPORARY SECURITY ZONES:** In order to prevent further terrorist acts, the Coast Guard is establishing temporary security zones as follows:

- Extending 100 yards in the United States Territorial Waters around all cruise ships and tank ships that enter, are moored in, or depart from the San Francisco Bay and Delta ports, California. Effective until further notice.
- Extending 100 yards in the United States Territorial Waters around all high interest vessels (HIV's) that enter, are moored in, or depart from the San Francisco Bay and Delta ports, California. HIV's are vessels deemed by the Captain of the Port or higher authority as requiring protection, therefore they will be escorted by a Coast Guard or other law enforcement vessel with an embarked Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer. Effective until further notice.
- Extending 25 yards in the U.S. navigable waters

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surrounding the piers, abutments, fenders and pilings of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Effective until 9/30/03.

Any person who will fully and knowingly enters a Security Zone without permission of the Captain of the Port may be fined or imprisoned for committing a Class D felony. Associated vessels may be seized and held liable for any monetary assessments

**2) NAVAL VESSEL PROTECTION ZONE:** After 9/11/01, U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area established Naval Vessel Protection Zones which provide for the regulation of vessel traffic in the vicinity of U.S. naval vessels. THE NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE IS STILL IN EFFECT!

- Do not approach within 100 yards of any U.S. naval vessel.
- You must operate at minimum speed within 500 yards of any U.S. naval vessel.
- Violations are a felony offense, punishable by up to 6 years in prison and/or up to \$250,000 in fines.

**3) COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC:** Be sure you stay well clear of any large vessel whose movement is restricted by its size. Keep at least 500 yards (1/4 mile) from any commercial vessel. This is extremely important in crossing situations.

**4) KEEP WELL CLEAR OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST.** These include, but are not restricted to entrances to tunnels, airports, power plants, water intakes, oil facilities, chemical facilities, fuel docks, and military bases. If you have any doubts about a particular spot being regarded as sensitive, assume that it is.

**5) KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.** Be extra vigilant in the vicinity of sensitive areas, listed above. Examples of unusual activity include:

- Fishing/hunting in locations typically not used for fishing or hunting
  - Any aggressive activities
  - Unusual filming or diving activities, particularly close to a sensitive area
  - Vessels anchored or loitering around commercial vessel anchorages when commercial vessels are present
  - Boats underway at night with no navigational lights in or around places of interest
- 6) REPORT UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.** If you see any suspicious activity, notify the appropriate authorities.
- Suspicious activity on or near the water, contact the Coast Guard – (415) 399-3451
  - Suspected terrorism plots or activities, contact the FBI – (415) 553-7400
  - Suspected smuggling operations, contact US Customs – (800) 232-5378
  - Suspected illegal immigration, contact Dept of Immigrations – (415) 844-5347
  - For all emergencies, call 911

**7) FLY YOUR CLUB BURGEE.** This will help identify you & may reduce your exposure to being boarded.

## Race Committee Help Needed

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but I seem to be in the minority on that. Our next race after the Sadie is our Double Handed Lightship on the 15th, and I am sure Ben and Joanne would like some help with race committee for that.

There is one change in our schedule of events that I should bring to everybody's attention and that is the general meeting shown on the calendar as 24th of May has been moved forward a week to the 17th of May. This moves it away from the long weekend and avoids conflict with one of Malcolm's cruises.

There is one other thing I have been working on, and that is I have been in contact with the Coast Guard Auxiliary to try to put together a day when they could be at the marina to inspect the boats of anyone who would like to display their sticker. More on that later.

A couple of other things, SWMBO has asked me to remind those of you who have not yet sent in their membership renewal to please do so, unfortunately we do have to have the money. One last thing: we are putting together a work day to spruce up the Clubhouse on March 8th, so if you can spare a couple of hours it would be appreciated.

See ya in the bar or on the water.

David

## Portside

By Shirley Ahlf, Port Captain

With all of this pretty weather we're having, it's too pretty to stay inside, so this will be a short one. Just a few things to mention of upcoming events.

The Crab Feed is on the 22nd of February, the Sadie Hawkins Race and Chowder Cook Off March 1st, CLUB CLEANUP MARCH 8th and Double Handed Lightship Race March 15th. More on the cleanup later, but please try to keep that date open because we always need all the hands we can muster.

A Phone Tree has been organized, but we still need some more help. Denise Freinkel has the 415 area code, Helen Sowers and Pam Richardson share 510. If anyone living in the 408 area code and would like to help, please let me know. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Give me a call 925-672-2514 if you can help.

That about does it for now, so till next time Happy Sails and don't forget your PFD's.

Shirley

## Fine Sailing on OPBs

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deed, with John New on *Wuvulu* and aboard Ben Mewes' *Mirage*. For the record, guys, I prefer to *win* when racing. Could we try that again? Please don't tell me I have to rely on the DHLS race, and *Hobbit*, for the win. Besides, even if we win, according to Peter's article, I wouldn't even notice – I'd be wedged below, crouched in a corner ...! (You'll find his article elsewhere in the Mainsheet, in extra small typeface.....) Ah, what's that, Dear Reader? You wish to volunteer to assist me in the harassment of Peter? Why, yes, thank you, I accept! IYC is all about volunteerism, as you know.

Speaking of volunteerism, I volunteer to remove my El Toro from the clubhouse, where it has been sailing merrily about the Bar and Ships Store areas for some time. What can YOU do to help make IYC look better? Oh, I know! Come to the club on March 8th for the club cleanup! I'll see you before then, though, at the Chowder Cookoff and Sadie Hawkins race on March 1.

Good luck with those crabs!

--Janet

## Exciting Spring Presentations

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with you now so you'll mark your calendars and be sure to join us.

### April 26

On April 26, **Ron Patterson**, a naturalist who leads boat tours from Alaska to the Galapagos Islands and points between, will give a presentation for us. Not only that, but he has something in common with us -- he's a boat owner. I can hardly wait to hear about the trips he leads. Thank you, Malcolm, for the tip.

### May 17

On May 17, the weekend before Memorial Day weekend, **Duane Dykema** from the National Weather Service will give a presentation. He and his crew have moved from Redwood City to Monterey, but he is willing to make the trek to Alameda to explain to us how scientists predict weather in the bays and ocean. The Monterey station still covers San Francisco Bay, and of course the open ocean. Duane's presentation is part of his job as a U.S. Government scientist, so come and enjoy one of the unexpected benefits of your tax dollars. I think I'll learn a lot from Duane and hope you will too. Thanks for the suggestion to David Hand.

I'm looking forward to the first club cruise, and hope the *Misty* will be ready to sail.

Diane

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**MAINSHEET**

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**Next Board Meeting:**

**Mar 4, 2003**

**1830 hours at the Clubhouse**

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

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- Feb 22 IYC's fabulous Annual Crab Feed**
  - Mar 1 Sadie Hawkin's Day Race and our First Annual Chowder Cookoff**
  - Mar 4 Board Meeting at the Clubhouse**
  - Mar 15 Double Handed Lightship Race**