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DON'T FORGET !

- Jun 27 Come by the clubhouse;
- Jul 11 IYC is open EVERY Friday
- Jul 18 night for the season!
- Jul 01—Board Meeting 1830 hrs
- Jul 04—4th of July Cruise to
to 07 Vallejo and Beyond
- Jul 12—Janet's Birthday Party 1830 hrs
- Jul 19—Silver Eagle 0930 hrs
to 20 Long Distance Race
- Jul 26—General Meeting/Dinner 1830 hrs



A Brit at the Helm

By David Hand, Commodore

It looks as if summer is finally here with the overnight trip to Sequoia Yacht Club a resounding success, another event well organized by Malcolm. Devon and I sailed down on *Jabberwock* with Jane Laramie and we managed to only run aground once, -on San Bruno Shoal-, but we were off in a trice and on our way. We were later joined by Dan Laramie and together with the crews of *Sinaloa* and *Fantaseas*, -*Cutty Sark* was to arrive later- we all enjoyed a hearty potluck and a few cold ones in the Sequoia Club House.

Our next cruise is on the fourth of July weekend to Vallejo Yacht Club and beyond, give Malcolm or me a call if you would like to come along and join in

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Memorial Day Cruise May 24

By Pamela Richardson, Historian

Max and I got a late start, due to birthday celebrations in Davis. We left the Emerycove marina around 4:30 p.m.

We motor- sailed out under the bay bridge and headed south. Luckily, the dark gray fog was up high, so we had clear visibility. When we got down to the deep-water channel it was dark out and difficult to find the Redwood Creek. All the red markers blended in with car taillights. Max motored up to a deep-water channel marker and then found the heading to go in. After

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Cruz News

By Malcolm Sowers, Cruising Chair

Dick and Ruth Sayre, owners of the Crealock 37 *DIVA*, are new members of IYC. I had talked up our cruising program and brought them along as my guests on a couple of mini-cruises, and to several dinner meetings. I waited on the sidelines not wanting to be too pushy but hoped they would find our programs and membership to their liking. They did. Expect to see them take an active part in club activities & cruises. I hope Dick & Ruth will be able to accompany us on our next cruise:

THE IYC WEEK-LONG CRUISE TO THE DELTA scheduled after an overnight watching fireworks at Vallejo on the 4th. Then JULY 5th WE'LL GO TO BENICIA, PITTSBURGH "AND BEYOND". If you must get home by the 6th skip the 'Beyond', we won't be insulted.

Beyond? June 15 I plan to scout a marina, LINDQUIST LANDING on Holland Tract, recently purchased by a son of a friend. On the return of the cruisers to S.F. Bay I suggest we spend an overnight or longer at Bruno's, by all accounts a good stopover, great food. Get your charts out! Plan your trip, enter way points in your GPS if you have one. If you know any other new members or prospective members encourage them to come. You are even welcome to invite an eager friend with boat from another yacht club! Just let me know.

Speaking of charts, navigation past "Middle Ground" requires careful attention to channel markers and range markers - like in Richmond Inner Harbor. Last month I suggested these cruises are not only for companionship but are "training wheels" - actually confidence builders. Come along whether you are experienced- ? or novice and want us to 'convoy' you thru unfamiliar territory. Assure your more timid member we'll strive to keep you out of trouble.

Not to mention any names but some of our group on the trip to Sequoia Y.C. on Memorial Day Weekend learned a few things the hard way: Unwelcome and embarrassing contacts with mud. Watch your chart, all that's blue isn't necessarily deep.

THE TRIP TO SEQUOIA WAS ROUGH. Good way to shake up the sediment in your diesel tank, clog your filter, force you to tack in narrow waters. Lesson: Have your tank "polished" beforehand (ask me for a recommendation.) Add a Racor 500 filter and carry a spare filter cartridge and a spare alternator belt. No power? If you must tack in adverse conditions, FURL YOUR JIB. (Keeps your crew from stress and YOU CAN DEVOTE YOUR FULL AND UNDIVIDED ATTENTION TO THE CHANNEL MARKERS.) Don't push your luck by going near them. Anticipate tidal current to the side. It will pro-

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Nacing Rews

By Joanne McFee, Racing Co-Chair

June weather forecast as heard on a local TV station: "There will be sun but not until the fog burns off." Too true. By the time this newsletter goes to press the spring Friday night series will be over until August 1. Thanks so much to all who helped on race committee, in the galley, at the bar, and everywhere else. It goes without saying, we would not exist without our volunteers. Many people pitch in week after week and we always have room for new faces. Besides, it's fun!

Coming up: June 28th, Interclub make up race (postponed from April 12, the day the Heavens Opened and Thunder and Lightning reigned on the Bay). David Hand has volunteered Jabberwock as committee boat. Lunch and snacks are provided. Call me (925-254-5384) for a day on the Bay (with just a little work included).

On July 12-13 is the PICYA Lipton Series. This is sort of personal to me as I have a family connection to Sir Thomas Lipton. We're defending champions for 2 of the 4 divisions. Is there a Santana 22 or a PHRF 120 or faster boat who'd like to represent us? Again, the phone number: 925-254-5384.

July 19-20 is our second BIG DEAL race of the year, the Silver Eagle Long Distance Race (look up the Notice of Race on our website, www.iyc.org). It's 28 years young and has become a "cult" happening with Bay Area racers. We run the race from Golden Gate Yacht Club. It's a friendly place with a view to die for. The race committee would love a few hours of your time. If you live in the city - how easy could it be? The phone number doesn't change: 925-254-5384. OK, my soapbox is officially dismantled for at least a month. I promise.

There are IYC boats competing in both the EYC Friday nights and OYC Wednesday night Sweet Sixteens. I'll find out who they are and report next month.

Dan Newland's *Redhawk* and Mike Mathiasen's *Dulcinea* are 3-4 in their division (Fleet 2) in our Friday night series, Scott Tipper is crewing on *Wylie Coyote*, the second place boat in Fleet 1. *Wuvulu* (John New) sits in sixth place in Fleet 2, a first place and/or someone's boo-boo could move him up in the standings. Dawn Chesney has been foredeck and sometime driver for John all season. John is also competing in both HDA and the Interclub series. He says he's in the middle of a very competitive HDA division in the last (June 7) Interclub race in his division. They call it the Fat 30 fleet - descriptive when you see the boats - 29-30 footers all rating about 180. Reports say Interclub was a big jib day, winds 10-15 for a bay tour ending at the Oakland Yacht Club with all the estuary jibes. Division 4, Spinna-

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Hush Now and Enjoy the Ride

By Janet Frankel, *Mainsheet* Editor and IYC Spy

Dear Readers: You may have noticed my absence at the last few Friday night races, but believe me I have a good reason. You see, there was this giant Pterodactyl who swooped down on my home and presented the most wondrous opportunity of my short and-what-I-had-mistakenly-thought-of-as-exciting life thus far.

"Oh Janet," he said, somber eyes focused on the once splendidly upholstered chairs I inherited from my great grandmother, "it is time for you to have an Adventure. Are you ready?" I looked at the pile of unfolded laundry, glanced into the untidy garden, thought of *Hobbit's* crippled engine, quickly inspected my knitting (yes, Glen, my knitting). "Why, YES I am!" I responded. So I donned my favorite baseball cap and climbed onto the Pterodactyl's sturdy broad back and we were off.

"Where are we going, oh Bird?" I inquired. "Hush now," was the stern reply. I hushed.



Editor's Notus Interruptus: Unfortunately, as this *Main-sheet* goes to press, space restrictions force me to choose between relating the rest of this Editorial or printing a news article forwarded to me by George Knies about a naked female trespasser aboard a yacht in Dana Point. Not surprisingly, nudity triumphs.

—Janet

PS I'm having a potluck birthday party at the club on July 12 (my birthday will occur at midnight). Please come!

Keep Those Dock Gates Locked

Forwarded by George Knies

Naked SD Woman Arrested For Vandalism, Trespassing On Boat

Thursday, June 12, 2003

DANA POINT, Calif.

Sheriff's Department Harbor Patrol deputies arrested a woman June 2 who - reportedly in a rage of anger - stripped naked and began throwing furniture off a large powerboat docked here.

Deputies arrested Dina Dean, 18, of San Diego, aboard the 50-foot motor yacht Lady Kate for allegedly trespassing and vandalizing property aboard, officials said.

Passing boaters alerted deputies to the unusual situation in the east basin about 8:30 p.m. Dean had allegedly untied the boat; the only thing keeping it from drifting into the channel was its power cord.

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Portside

By Shirley Ahlf, Port Captain

As usual I'm running a little late. All this pretty weather makes it hard to stay inside to write an article. This is being written the Sunday before Western Night, so if it hasn't happened yet, I hope you all can attend. June 21st, 1830.

The next biggie is our pig roast and auction. That's coming up August 23rd. Keep this date in mind and more on all the details will be forthcoming.

I still need help in the galley. The races are on a break until August, but when they start up again I'll need volunteers to help in the galley, also I need volunteers to help with the General Meetings. Come on y'all.

This is a volunteer club not a one man side show seems like I see the same familiar faces over and over again. And to these people I give my heart felt thanks. Any way you can help will be greatly appreciated.

Give me a call (925) 672-2514 or ahlfie@sbcglobal.net. Hope to hear from you soon and see ya at the club and on the water.

Shirley
Port Captain

FREE FREE FREE FREE

Sign up to do cleanup after an IYC dinner and get a **FREE DINNER** coupon, usable that very same night or any at other club dinner (except the Crab Feed, Pig Roast or Change of Watch).

Thank Devon Hand, Membership Chair, for designing and supplying the lovely coupons.

Sign-ups must be approved by Shirley, our Port Captain. Call her at 925-672-2514 to sign up to be a GALLEY HERO for the night and get your FREE DINNER COUPON. The GALLEY HERO crew size is limited (usually to three persons) – so call today to reserve your spot for spot removal! (haha little joke there)

Remember, many hands make light work. Plus, how often does an opportunity for camaraderie include a reward of a FREE DINNER?

Jobs for GALLEY HEROES include: washing, drying and putting away dishes, including pots and pans, and putting away leftovers. (All club members are expected to bus their own tables.)

Call Shirley at 925-672-2514.

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duce a "cross track" error. No fun to find yourself on the mud -? and with a dropping tide. On a group cruise you can holler for help if we monitor Channel 16. Saves you the \$200 fee I had to pay Vessel Assist a few years back when I was cruising solo and was THREE SECONDS TOO LATE with the order the tack just west of Benicia, a notoriously rapidly shoaling area.

If you can't come to Vallejo on the 4th let me know, arrange to meet us at Benicia on the 5th or Pittsburgh on the 6th. Benicia is reported to need dredging. We'll arrive at high water, but will have to LEAVE EARLY on the morning of the 6th. If you want to be accompanied past Middle Ground en route to Pittsburgh LET ME KNOW. Arrange to stay in Vallejo night of the 5th. Get an EARLY-EARLY start on the 6th eat breakfast en-route. Arrange to meet us outside Benicia Harbor (early.)

Malcolm Sowers
Cruise Chairman

Cutty Sark, Are You Out There?

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heading down the channel the motor quit, so now we only had the sails to propel us.

On the VHF I heard "Cutty Sark, are you out there? Cutty Sark?" I called back that we needed a tow to the marina. It was the Redwood City Port Captain and he said, "Help is on the way." We continued to sail south then north, until we hugged up to a sand bar.

Twenty minutes later we saw Malcolm's sailboat mast above the horizon. Someone threw us a line and *Sinaloa* pulled us back into the channel! After a short time we were pulled to a dock and tied up securely.

Thank you every one who took part in the rescue and the people who waited for our arrival. Good job.

Maxwell spent a good part of the weekend running the diesel through the new filters.

Everyone was so helpful and made it turn into a very pleasant weekend. I'll stop here as someone else will surely tell their part of the weekend.

Pamela Richardson
Historian

Lovely Days on the Bay

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ker 187 & up has 5 EYC boats in a 7 boat fleet. Finishing 1-2-3 *Dulcinea Dominatrix*, and *Atuna Matata*. Unfortunately, *Caffeinated* (Dick Lotspeich) read the wrong course and took a DNF. Race committee: make sure all your flags are in the right order and are right side up! Ted Crum says *Dulcinea* sailed high and fast (they won by 11 minutes). *Dominatrix* fetched Harding in one tack and the estuary in two jibes. Bill King, singlehanded, was hot on their tail. Ben Mewes' *Mirage* is doing to Single-Handed Sailing Society's series with Lucie Van Breek as skipper and Ben as crew. June 7 was the "Corinthian in the Bay Race." That translates as a race that starts at Corinthian, meanders around the bay and ends at Oakland. They were 6th in class, but more impressive, 6th in a fleet of 35. Ben says that once they got past a sticky start and a bottleneck at Blackaller it was a lovely day on the Bay.

Just the facts this month. I'd love some funny stories! Call me – yet again, that #?@* phone number – 925-254-5384!

—Until then, sail fast, steer small.

Ptery's Triumphant Return

By Joanne McFee, Roving Reporter

To you long time readers who have missed Janet's Pterydactyl "Ptery" he magically reappeared at IYC on Friday, June 13th. I last saw Ptery about a year ago, again on a Friday night race. It was déjà vu all over again, as there was a radio school upstairs and Friday night racers downstairs.

Ptery perched on our crash boat, marveling at the graceful water birds, colorful wings akimbo, as they swam to the new racing mark near Quinn's Lighthouse. Admirably, all the water birds traversed the narrow channel without finding any bottom bumps. Some tempted fate, but all survived.

Once back at the clubhouse, racers got their dinners at the bar and clattered up the outside stairs to the barbecue. Ptery sat on the rail and watched the action. The radio school practiced their dahs and dits inside.

It was a cozy group and the racers were all in one place to applaud one another as they received their Spring Series awards. Ptery was impressed with the "can do" attitude of Island Yacht Club members.

Many folks pitched in to make Friday the 13th a goot time for all. So Ptery flew off again, sure that he could revisit Island yacht Club and watch more wondrous events.

—Joanne

Excitement in Dana Point

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Neighbors across the channel witnessed the young woman throwing furniture from the boat's stern, said Leon Swails. (Swails and his wife have owned the meticulously kept *Lady Kate* for more than 10 years.)

Dean did not resist arrest, and deputies quickly gave her sweat pants and a shirt to wear, officials said.

According to Swails, the young woman had boarded a train in San Diego earlier that day, then disembarked in nearby San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Somehow, he said, she made it to the harbor where she walked down the dock through the open gate. Deputies said Dean could not recall how she reached the harbor. However, she believed an acquaintance was aboard and had locked her out, reports indicate.

Dean allegedly attempted to break the locked door into the boat's main salon. Failing to do so, she allegedly attempted to start the boat's engine using a screwdriver. That effort also failed. In frustration, she reportedly retreated to the enclosed stern and began throwing items from the deck, including her clothes.

According to Swails, a diver recovered six rattan chairs, a rattan table, a lamp, and a television set. The television had been attached to the bulkhead, he said. The diver did not find Swails davit control or keys that Dean inadvertently found and threw overboard.

It's lucky that Dean did not make it into the main salon and cause further havoc, he said. He was not sure if he would take additional action against the young woman. Swails has not made a list of damages, largely because he does not want to know what the incident cost. He'd rather see the humor in the situation, he said.

The Swails had kept boats in the east marina for more than a dozen years without any problems. For him, it's better to cast it off as one bad experience after so many years of enjoyment, he said. He is also grateful that she did not fall overboard and drown.

"I'm delighted no one was hurt or injured," he said.

When a friend called to tell Swails about the incident, he thought it was a hoax. "It was so bizarre," he said.

The couple had just sat down for dinner and discounted the call when the friend offered to go to the harbor and check. Certainly, it could not be true. Fifteen minutes later, deputies called. They reported arresting a young woman on his boat, who incidentally, was nude.

"Imagine my surprise; something really happened," he

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the fun.

Our last race of the spring Friday night series was held last Friday and congratulations go to Ben Mewes and Joanne McFee for organizing a first rate series. Thanks also to all the other members and non-members for their help, with particular mention to Gisela who did an excellent job on the computer getting out the results.

On 28th of June it's the club's turn to provide race committee for the Inter Club Series, I will be taking *Jabberwock* as committee boat, so if anyone wants a day laying back on the Berkeley Circle and shooting off guns give Joanne or me a call. Free beer after the race.

It may well be to late to mention this but our June dinner meeting is Western Night with chicken, tri-tips, pork ribs and bales of hay to sit on. So get out your big hats and boots and come along for some of that there line dancing. Did I get that right?

If anyone wants to help with clean up after one of our general meetings or Friday night races, see Shirley and I believe she will arrange a free dinner.

David

Locked Gates Improve Security

said.

However, the incident has demonstrated the importance of making sure gangway gates are locked, Swails said. Keys are needed to get onto and off the docks in this harbor.

Yet, it is common for tenants to prop the door open when making frequent trips to the parking lot, or other harbor facilities. "I've been a chief offender on occasion," Swails said. Until now. If there is one lesson learned, it is making sure to lock the gates, he said.

A city police officer transported Dean to the county jail for booking. Officers released her June 3.

She will appear in court Tuesday, July 1 to face charges of trespassing, malicious mischief, vandalism, and of breaking two unspecified municipal codes.



MAINSHEET

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Next Board Meeting:

July 1, 2003

1830 hours at the Clubhouse

Upcoming Dates to Remember

June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25
IYC Open Every Friday Night !

- July 04** Fourth of July Cruise to Vallejo and Beyond
- July 12** Janet's Potluck Birthday Party
- July 19** Silver Eagle Long Distance Race
- July 26** General Meeting and Dinner