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Remember these Dates!

Jan 17 Board Meeting 1100 hrs

Jan 31 Crab Feed 1830 hrs

All you can Eat!

Reservations required. Call
Rich Ahlf at 925-672-2514.

Feb 01 SuperBowl Sunday 1300 hrs
& Joanne's Birthday Party!

Feb 07 Spaghetti Dinner for 1900 hrs
IYC Race Committee

Mar 08 Sadie Hawkin's Race
Woman Skipped Estuary Race



Commodore's Corner

By Diane Duey McClure, Commodore - OK, well not really by her this time.

[From the Editor]: Our new Commodore did not submit an article for this first Mainsheet but we should forgive her since her home is in the earliest (and possibly most painful) stages of demolition. Here are some email excerpts I've cobbled together in lieu of her article:

From an email to the Board: "Hi everyone - since we didn't have our change-over meeting the day after the change of watch dinner, it is scheduled [along

> *The Crab Feed Comes Early, page 3*

Follow Your Rainbow

By Glen Krawiec, IYC Boat Decorating Guru Emeritus

The Opening Day on the Bay theme this year is Follow Your Rainbow. IYC is now holding auditions for candidates to sign on as boat decorating guru. The current ringleader is facing forced retirement and this worthwhile project needs a new alpha dog or dogette. You don't need to be extremely creative or a master craftsman ... mostly just a tough bastard / bitch with a stinging whip to herd the troops in the right direction. So if you're qualified or trainable, toss your ring into the hat - or visa-versa.

IYC is also calling out early volunteers whose scars have healed and memories dimmed to start work on this theme now. Firstly, we'll need a boat or two

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Nacing Rews

By Joanne McFee, Racing Co-Chair

Here we go again. Another year of nacing rews columns, and I don't know what the hell to write about. Since that's never bothered me in the past, I'll just pull a subject out of a hat. Ahhh, here we are:

THE JOY OF RACE COMMITTEE

IYC will run about twenty races this year. To put that into context, that's less races than Encinal YC and Richmond YC, but more races than Golden Gate YC or Corinthian YC. Take a look at their membership and then look at ours. No matter how many members a club has, they need the same number of people to run a race. Bigger clubs just have a larger pool of people to call on. My theory is that what we lack in quantity we make up in quality. We pride ourselves on running the very best races, and we do.

You know what's coming, don't you? I'm about to recruit YOU for race committee! Experience is not necessary. We'll train you. Racers are more than welcome. In fact, we feel that all racers should serve on race committee. He gives you a whole new perspective on sailboat racing. Besides, you'll find out what we say about you all on the race deck.

Race Committee is fun. We laugh a lot. There's that word – "camaraderie." As long as the races go off properly, and seriousness is there when we need it, silliness is OK, joking is fine. We do some of our races at Golden Gate Yacht Club off their lovely deck. It's a friendly place, and oh my, the view. Hey, if it wasn't fun would I spend so much time doing it? Don't answer that.

To start the season off with a bang, Shirley, Ben and I are giving a race committee dinner. We're bringing back a tradition that has been missing these past few years. The bar will be open, we'll feed you dinner, and we'll talk about what we need for the upcoming year. Oh, and we'll probably laugh a lot too.

Race Committee Dinner Thursday February 12, 7:00pm. Everyone welcome! RSVP to Joanne at 925-254-5384. Please come!

> next column

WANT ADS

Elaine Wright STILL has foul weather gear for sale:

Description: Yellow pants, yellow and white jacket, West Marine brand.

Size: small

Condition: Excellent (worn only about 5 times).

Price: \$50.00

Call Elaine 925-933-6463, how about a gift for your kid!

Nacing Rews

(Cont'd)

Another subject just popped out of the hat, all on its own. I have no control

THE SADIE HAWKINS RACE

Our first race of the year is the Sadie Hawkins Race. It's also the oldest (longest running sounds better!) women's skipper race on the Bay. It was originally women only, but now is a fully crewed woman skipper / driver race. Courses are on the estuary, just like Friday nights. Classes depend on entries and could include one design and double handed. Ladies, start your tillers (or wheels, as the case may be). There will be a new trophy this year for the highest ranking IYC boat. The race is March 8. Check the web-site soon for entry forms.

After the race come the club and enter our clam chowder cookoff. Jane Laramie won best New England chowder and best overall last year, so we have a challenge! You don't have to race to join us or enter a chowder, it's just another evening of IYC good fun!

I've put the hat away so it can't trick me again. 'Til next month, keep the flat side up!

Joanne

Interclub Racing

By Glen Krawiec, IYC Interclub Racing Representative

April 3 is the first Interclub Race.

This article is the first warning gun for that race series. Get prepared; find crew; practice; buy new sails if you must, but most important – tell Glen Krawiec you want to enter this inexpensive series: six races, one per month through September in the Central Bay and South Bay. Just \$35. A real bargain, plus the prizes are highly coveted embroidered jackets, vests and windbreakers. Racers are drawn from the local clubs: AYC, EYC IYC, OYC, TIYC, BAMA, AEOLIAN and CAT 34 fleet.

It is fun, low-key racing. Last year IYC had six winners from nine IYC entrants. A very respectable showing for IYC racers.

John Davis, a 2nd place winner in Division A will by IYC's representative in training while Glen Krawiec will chair the Interclub Committee this year. Pick up an entry form from the club or call Glen at 510-339-9451.

--Glen

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with our first Board meeting] for Saturday, January 17 at 11:00 at the club.... My preference is to hold board meetings ... in the afternoon on the same days as the general meetings. That will save all of us a trip to the club for meetings, especially me (I live in Aptos). I hope it works for everyone.... We have moved out of our house due to construction, and I hope I can continue to get messages.... We can be at the house during the day, but there is no heat or hot water, and the only electricity comes from an extension cord plugged into the power connection on the portable toilet in the front yard. It is so, so elegant! See you-all on Saturday.”

And, from an email to me: “We are living in a motel suite - you should see what the bulldozer did to our house! I didn't expect them to knock the entire thing down the first day! My IYC book got moved, so could you PLEASE call [those Board members without email] and tell them about the 17th? I expect I can find my file drawer by the end of the week.”

On the telephone (she on her cell phone, of course), Diane also asked me to convey the message that all members are welcome to attend Board meetings. Even though only elected officers have a vote, everyone's input is valued. Also, that we are looking for a Galley Manager, Cruise Chair and Port Captain this year, and for reliable people to help Joan at the bar. Any interested persons should contact Diane or any Board member.

Good luck Diane, hope you find your file drawer and a more convenient electrical outlet, among other things!
--Janet (and Diane via email and telephone)

Weather Window is Here

By Joyce Logan

Hi Well it looks like that weather window we have been looking for it getting here this week so we will be heading out for points South. We will head down the coast and see how far we get. Haven't decided if we will hop from place to place or head out and go straight down will have to see what the weather looks like and how the waves and swell go and which way the wind blows. We will spend at least a

> Bon Voyage to the Logans!, page 5

Git Yerself on Down to IYC

By Janet Frankel, Publications Chair

Lovely winter weather we're having: Foggy, gray, drizzly, a chill wind. Cold enough for a real coat and even a hat! But our pals back East surely scoff at our claim to winter weather. Have you seen the weather reports for Boston, or Buffalo? Yikes.

There's a bus snaking its way up the main road on Treasure Island, a surreal white stripe smoothly traversing the green. Treasure Island and Yerba Buena are in good health and send their regards. I'm waving back your most sincere warm returns, Dear Reader, right now on your behalf.

This is a pretty full newsletter so I'll just briefly say that NOW is your opportunity to get more involved at IYC. We have openings for Port Captain, Cruising Chair, Galley Manager, and to help Joan at the Bar. Let's review the great reasons to serve as an active volunteer at IYC:

First, it is a way to fill up those hours that you otherwise would spend paying bills, doing laundry, going to the dentist, and other unpleasant tasks. Wouldn't you rather be at the club, hanging out with your friends, wearing a grease-splattered apron or skating around behind a mop? Of course you would.

Second, you don't have to report any nasty income tax on your annual returns for volunteer work. Yep, you can spend as many hours at IYC as you like and it's all non-taxable! How about that?!

Third, there's that rule that Dawn Chesney reminded me of: When you want something done, ask a busy person. This means that the more you do at IYC, the more likely it is that you'll be asked to do something else! Think of the surge in popularity!

Seriously, IYC is a special place because of YOU, Dear Reader. It is our membership that makes us so terrific. I suppose that even includes me! Yay! So, when you volunteer to help out with this or that at IYC, you get to spend more time with people like Devon Hand and Malcolm Sowers. People like the Krawiecs, like Jeff Blowers, and the Blumhorsts. People who are interested and interesting, and who love to be on and near the water. People like Joyce and John Logan (who have recently left to go cruising – or, have they left yet? – I know, we can have a pool on when they will leave! –or, have left). So the real reason to volunteer is for the personal gratification, which comes when your fellow members look upon you with eyes that shine with appreciation and friendship

Keep it in mind, and git yerself on down to the club to volunteer!

--Janet

Log News Service

Forwarded by George Knies, Director of Blue Gavel

Thursday, January 08, 2004

State Parks to Raise Boating Fees

California State Parks announced Dec. 30 that fees will be raised at state campgrounds, boat-launching sites, and museums beginning July 1 [2004] to offset a \$15 million cut in the department's upcoming 2004-2005 budget. Under the revised fee schedule, the cost of an annual boat pass will increase from \$45 to \$75, and boat-launching fees that now are \$2-\$4 will increase to \$5-\$8. Day-use permits that now cost \$3-\$5 will cost \$4-\$14, and the cost of family camping sites that now cost \$8-13 a night will be increased to \$11-\$25....

When the new fees take effect, the price of an annual park pass will go from \$67 to between \$75 and \$125 and museums and historic site fees currently \$2-\$4 will rise to \$2-\$8. To blunt the impact on visitors, the department is adopting a sliding scale, charging significantly more for the most popular campgrounds at the busiest times of the year. Families on budgets can choose less-expensive campgrounds or time periods, the department said. Existing fees for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities will not be increased.

The department said the new fee schedule is being announced now because reservations can be made after Jan. 2 for the month of July, the normal seven-month advance period for making reservations. Reservations made for months prior to July will be at the existing rates. "After repeated budget reductions, we have reached the point where there is no other choice," said State Parks Director Ruth Coleman.

The department's budget was cut \$4.8 million in 2001-2002, another \$15 million in 2002-2003, a total of nearly \$20 million. The cuts required a reorganization and hiring freeze that eliminated ... employees, the department said, and ... it must reduce its operating budget by an additional \$15 million, a total reduction of \$35 million over four years. Because most of its budget goes to wages and benefits, the department said getting rid of another \$15 million worth of employees would have meant laying off 250 permanent and 800 seasonal employees and closing more than 100 of the state's 277 parks. With the raised fees, ... in addition to recapturing the \$15 million budget reduction, the department projects that the fee increase will provide for an additional \$3 million, a total of \$18 million. Of the additional \$3 million, \$1 million will be used to hire the seasonal personnel required to staff the kiosks and entrance stations to collect the fees. The department says the added \$2 million is the minimal amount needed to handle the most critical public safety and maintenance issues throughout the park system.

Monday, December 29, 2003

More Boats, More Fatalities And Injuries, CG Reports

There was an increase in recreational-boat registration and

boating fatalities in the United States in 2002, the Coast Guard reported.

The Coast Guard reported in its 2002 Boating Accident Reporting Data, which it released Dec. 5 and is the most current data available, that there were a total of 13,040,726 registered recreational boats in the United States in 2002 compared to 12,876,346 in 2001. The 5,705 boating accidents reported to the Coast Guard in 2002 resulted in 750 fatalities, 4,062 serious injuries, and more than \$39 million in property damage. The 750 fatalities reverse a downward trend and are at their highest level since 1998 when 815 fatalities were reported, the Coast Guard said. Seventy percent of all fatal boating accident victims drowned - 524 out of the total of 750 fatalities. And, the Coast Guard reported that nearly 85 percent of the victims who drowned were not wearing a life jacket. It said that the fatal-accident data show that approximately 440 lives could have been saved in 2002 if boaters had worn their life jackets. Alcohol was involved in 39 percent of all boating fatalities in 2002 compared to 34 percent in the previous year. Twenty-eight children age 12 and under lost their lives while boating in 2002 compared to 26 in 2001. And nearly 40 percent of the children who died were not wearing life jackets. Although the most reported types of accidents are collisions with other vessels, capsizing and falls overboard are the most-reported types of fatal accidents and account for 56 percent of all boating fatalities.

In 2002, the most common types of boats involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (41 percent), personal watercraft (28 percent), and cabin motorboats (15 percents). Sharp increases were reported in the number of reported fatalities involving open motorboats and PWC from 2001. Overall, operator inattention, operator inexperience, and excessive speed are the leading contributing factors of all reported accidents. As in previous years, approximately 80 percent of all reported fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating-safety instruction. Current federal regulations require the operator of a recreational vessel to report an accident when one or more of the following occurs: a person dies, or a person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid; damage to vessels and other property totals \$2,000 or more; complete loss of any vessel, or when a person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury.

WANTED

New Members!

Tell a Friend—Tell a Boat Neighbor—Membership Applications available online and at the clubhouse.

Thank you!

New Refrigerator!

Or, used. The galley is still looking for that lonesome refrigerator. Our fridge is gasping louder and louder. Can you help us? We guarantee to keep it company.

Call Shirley at 925-672-2514.

Christmas in Gringoville

By Frank and Ellen Atteberry, Cruising

Familia y Amigos, We are stuck in Gringoville, San Carlos, for Christmas. When I was reinstalling the Autopilot, I decided to change the circuit breaker to which it was dedicated, and noticed a small soot mark on the fiberglass insulating tape around our exhaust system, so I had to dig into it. The Hitemp thread sealer was no longer doing a good job, so I disassembled the system and have selected a new compound to reseal all the joints and rewrap the whole exhaust with Asbestos insulating tape (not available in the US, but much better for this use). I hate to keep knocking the US available products, but there are a lot of things that were intrinsically better as long as you did not eat it, like asbestos. However, it is okay to pump the meat with antibiotics and hormones even without a doctor's prescription, go figure.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!!! Everyday is an adventure down here and we are learning a lot. Like, go onto an Amazon.com web site where all is in Spanish, and order Christmas presents for the family, etc. We are dropping our Earthlink email address (haven't been able to access it for six months) for land based emails and set up a Yahoo address instead: svhotice@yahoo.com (Do not use this if you want us to read it in the distant future). We are now accustomed to Mexico keyboards, like to get the @ sign, you do a Control 64 at most internet cafe's. It is so safe and wonderful down here; the Mexican people will give you the shirt off their backs to help you in anyway you ask. If you can speak a little Spanish, you are instantly part of the "family" and all the Gringo stuff is forgotten: a long way from being a Mexican in a US Gringo town. It is always exciting when we go into Guaymas on the bus; we now know the really crazy bus drivers and stay off their buses. For US 90 cents you can get a ride comparable to a Great America type roller coaster, if you get the wrong driver; 120 KPH on the curves with bumps can scramble your eggs in the shell.

Frank took the 18 hour bus ride up to San Diego to pick up the repaired Autopilot, which was no charge since we had it repaired in May, and a new battery charger and inverter because the super automatic Freedom 2500 system fried itself. The ride up was deluxe with three full length English language movies and seats that reclined more than First Class Air seats; only US\$40. However, the trip back was really bad: used another bus line with leaky windows, no heat, and stayed off the toll roads. Those mountains between Tijuana and Mexicali are really steep and cold this time of year. The inside temp was down to 10 degrees Centigrade and that is cold!!! But, he made it through without a single interaction with a Customs official; carrying about US2000 of parts and electrical units without any cartons, but wrapped in dirty socks and teeshirts in the backpack for the benefit of a Customs agent that never came. Our son Jon ferried Frank around in San Diego to pick up all the stuff and take him back to the bus station; he thought his dad was going to a Mexican jail for sure,

because it seemed like a smuggle operation. (it was!, but that is how it is done).

After Christmas, we will finally get our departure documents processed and head back to the Baja side to go south and cross back to the mainland near the Mazatlan area. Even though we are now residents of Mexico, our boat is US flagged, and we must still step through the process based on Napoleonic Law (MarieJohanne??), as if we are going to China from each port city in Mexico. We have chased all the tarantula's out of the cockpit and deck areas, so we feel safe taking canvas covers off again; I think they liked our teak decks in the boat yard.

Christmas dinner is at the San Carlos Yacht Club with all our cruiser friends here; yep, we are going to have real Gringo food, likely no fresh clams or raw tuna, and we will probably get sick or something. And we will need to dress up, wear underwear, socks and all that stuff that's packed away somewhere on the boat.

We hope all you folks have a nice Holiday with family and friends; stay safe and keep the tennis shoes under the bed for those earthquakes with the broken glass, etc.

--Love, Frank and Ellen

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There is life after crab! Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 1st!

It's IYC's Super Bowl Sunday/Joanne's Birthday Party. Festivities start at 1:00pm, Kickoff is 3:18.

Bring a dish to share – anything but desserts!

Remember, it's OKAY to go to IYC two days in a row, it's just double the fun! Sometimes the game surprises us, and the commercials are great!

Bon Voyage to the Logans!

week in San Diego and visit with Tammy Rod and the Girls then head on down to the BAJA in Mexico. We have really enjoyed the area we have been in for the past 5 1/2 years and met such wonderful people we hate to leave them all. But it is time to do it if we are going to, when we got here we were going to be here for a summer and then move on well 5 years later and we are finally going to do it, we better do it now as we are not getting any younger haha.

We will let you know our e-mail address on the boat as we have to sign up with a carrier that will deliver over the radio called sailmail and we can only get letters no forwards or jokes. It is going to be hard for me to handle that for sure I love the jokes and forwards but will still be able to get them here on hotmail when we get to an Internet Café when we are on shore. Ok will send another update as to when we will leave and will send updates when we are signed up with sailmail and the address.

Bye for now Love Ya Joyce

A Note from the Treasurer

By Rich Ahlf, IYC Treasurer

As you may have noticed we have no Port Captain this year and because of that we might have more catered events. Last year at the crab feed we had reservations for 95 people and 118 showed up. For our catered Rib Feed at our Western Night, we had 52 reservations and to be safe we told the caterer to cook for 48 people. Thirty-six people showed up giving the club a loss of \$125.00. For our Change of Watch dinner our caterer charged us 22.00 per person which is exactly what we charged the membership. The caterer was guaranteed 63 dinners and of the 63 who made reservations 56 showed up, a loss of

154.00. If this negative cash flow continues, you can see what a devastating effect it will have on the livelihood of our club. I'm sure all of you want to see a financially healthy IYC in 2004. So thank you in advance for your help in this matter. All of our big events from now on will be Reservations by Check.
Our bar manager Joan Wetherell has also informed me that we have over \$300.00 in bar tabs from 2003. Please try to pay these so that I can close the books for 2003.

--Rich Ahlf



Changeover and First Board Meeting

January 17, 2004 — 1100 hours

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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| <u>Jan 31</u> | All You Can Eat -- Crab Feed!! |
| <u>Feb 01</u> | Superbowl Sunday / Joanne's Birthday Party - Potluck! |
| <u>Feb 07</u> | Race Committee Spaghetti Dinner - All Welcome! |
| <u>Mar 08</u> | Sadie Hawkin's Woman-Skippered Race |