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Remember these Dates!

- Mar 20 St. Paddy's Day Party & General Meeting** 1830 hrs
Corned Beef! Yummy!
- Apr 03 Doublehanded Lightship Race** 1030 hrs
Warning gun
- Apr 16 Friday Night Races** 1820 hrs
The first of the season!
Followed by our
FAMOUS BARBEQUE!
- Apr 24 General Meeting** 1830 hrs



News from the Commodore

By Diane Duey McClure, Commodore.

The March general meeting and dinner will be held on the 20th of the month. The bar will open at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00. I hope many of you will be able to attend and enjoy a delicious St. Paddy's Day dinner prepared by the same caterer as the 2003 dinner.

Since the February Mainsheet was published, some new appointments have been made. **Russ Otto** will be our 2004 cruise director. Russ has extensive

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A View From the Bar

By Joan Wetherell, Bar Manager

As most of you have noticed, I have signed on for another year as Bar Manager. I enjoy it, and it is a great way to meet people. Marie Martin has decided that she likes bar tending, and so I now have a regular backup who does not have other club commitments (e.g., galley, racing). Joanne has been a big help, but she can only be in one place at a time. Thank you, Marie, for coming forward, and for your good humor. Thank you also to her husband Bob, for running to the store for me for last-minute items. And thank you Joanne, for all your help. If anyone else wants to go on the list to help out occasionally, let me know.

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Cruising Season at Last

By Russ Otto, Cruise Chair

To all ye who see these presence, greetings. Bearing special trust and confidence in the fidelity and ability of--- whoops. that was a different time and place.

Here, let me start again---Hi to all IYC members! My name is Russ Otto and I have been accepted as this year's CRUISE CHAIR. My wife Catherine and I have just returned our boat *Fainche* to Alameda after spending three years in sunny Mexico. Yes, winter in the bay area has been quite a shock to my system, but it is March now and the weather is warming up nicely.

David Hand has scheduled the first cruise to San Rafael YC May 1st and has tentative plans for a raftup at Angel Island May 29. I have never been to San Rafael YC and I always enjoy going to Angel Island, so both trips sound great.

Several years ago IYC had a cruise/raftup at Presidio YC in Horseshoe Cove, which is located near the North end of the Golden Gate Bridge. The view is spectacular and the walking trails at the shoreline are great for stretching your legs after the bay crossing. I will be looking into the availability of overnight dockspace and shore facilities. Other possibilities are a Delta trip, Clipper Cove anchorage, China Camp anchorage, Coyote Point YC, or for those who enjoy poking their nose outside the Gate, how about a raftup at Pillar Point Harbor (Half Moon Bay). I will be looking through my old log books and charts to plan interesting and fun destinations. Please don't hesitate to offer suggestions and if you have a secret spot that a few boats will fit in give me a call. Have fun, be safe.

—Russ

Yerba Buena is Slow Moving

By Janet Frankel, Fiction Writer?

It is a lovely evening before daylight savings time begins, and I watch as the sun lights up the buildings blocking my full view of Yerba Buena Island. You have undoubtedly become exceedingly anxious, Dear Reader, as I have neglected my self-imposed reporting duty regarding its comings, goings, whereabouts, and general health. Well, Dear Reader, be anxious no more. Yerba Buena is green and gleaming in the fading sunlight today, I would be willing to swear (if necessary, but of course that is never necessary) that it is smiling in my general direction. (Definitely better than spitting, but I am getting way off track here.) There are ripples and eddies and waves in the Bay, but near Yerba Buena all is quite placid and pleasant. The jet flying overhead proves, relatively speaking, just how slowly Yerba Buena actually moves. Some would say, it moves not at all. Pshaw.

I notice from Diane's article (which you have surely already read and committed to memory, right, Dear Reader?) that

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Follow Your Rainbow

Glen Krawiec, Artist-in-Residence

This year we will decorate the Hands' boat, *Jabberwock*. As usual we will need many hands to make our entry special. The main decorating will take place at the yacht club on Saturday, April 24 for the parade the next day. Mark your calendar.

We will be using Wizard of OZ as a decorating theme with the song, "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" as inspiration. A rainbow and a large bluebird of happiness will be characters along with the usual cast of characters from OZ. We need volunteers now to get costumes made before the big push on April 24. Inspired?! Call Glen, 510-339-9451.

Other boats from the club will be going out on Opening Day including Ben Mewes who will actually enter the Parade. Decorated or not, he will collect points counting toward Yacht Club of the Year for IYC. Let's plan on getting a few more boats to do the same and make it a grand day of sailing for IYC members – Call Glen for more info and a no-cost entry form.

Impressed by New Chairs

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we have a new Port Captain, a new Cruise Chair, and a new Ships Store Chair! That would be Glen Krawiec, Russ Otto and Betty Sleeth, respectively. And respectfully, I might add. I can't tell you how impressed I am that these three terrific people have stepped up to the binnacle (NOT the same as those things that stick to boat bottoms) to volunteer their time and abilities to keep the great ship Island Yacht Club steaming along smoothly. If you already know Glen, Russ and Betty, go and thank them. If you don't already know them, go on over and introduce yourself! You'll be glad you did.

As you long-time members well know, and you new members have learned, Island Yacht Club depends upon volunteers for its very existence. The countless hours volunteered by our members create a wonderful spirit of camaraderie ("No, that doesn't go THERE! What are you thinking?"

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Interclub Racing Begins Apr. 3

By Glen Krawiec, IYC Interclub Representative

Third and final warning – get your entry in for this low-key race series in the Central and South Bay.

Six races over six months; the dates are: 4/3, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/7 and 9/11.

Wonderful trophies include embroidered jackets, vests and wind-breakers. Cheap entry fee of \$37.50. Call Glen for an entry form, 510-339-9451. \$5 late fee after 3/23; so hurry!

New IYC Board Appointments

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cruising experience on the West Coast of California and Mexico. He has some good ideas for places on the bay and delta that might be new for you. Look for more information coming soon. **Betty Sleeth** will take over our ship's store. She has something new and different, and you'll see more information in the April Mainsheet. **Glen Krawiec** will be Port Captain/Chairperson. He plans to have workdays at the club and keep it clean and shining, so if you happen to receive a call from Glen, please try to help him. He'll appreciate your help, and so will all the members.

As I write this, I reflect on the Sea Fox crab feed held at IYC last night. You may not be aware that the club sponsors a Sea Scout ship, the Sea Fox. The proceeds of the crab feed will pay for much-needed work on the boat. Joan Wetherell and I staffed the bar during the event, and I have to take up some space here to sing the praises of the young people involved in the Sea Fox. We hear so much negative information about teenagers that it's important to recognize achievement and good behavior when we see it. The scouts were most courteous and helpful and cleaned up after their event. They and their guests – over 100 of them – had a wonderful time and created a lot of positive energy. Hats off to Heather Oberg and Krisie Babcock, Sea Fox leaders and IYC members. They and all their scouts are awesome.

The spring beer can races will start on April 16. Come on out on alternate Friday evenings, race your boat or join the committee, or help with the barbecue that follows the race. It's a lot of fun and a good way to meet members.

To change the subject, the end of this month is the end of the registration period for you to rejoin IYC. The club directory will be published the first of next month, and if you want to be included and receive a copy of the directory, please send in your membership form and dues by the end of March and you'll see your name in print in the 2004 directory.

—Diane

“Hands Off My Burger!”

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“Who washed this glass, anyway?” “I cleaned the floor last time, if you think it's so dirty, YOU do it!” “My, my, my. Your cooking talent is ... well, I just hope you have a day job.”) and generosity (“Hands off my burger!” “Who took the last piece of cheese?” “Hey, somebody better get a mop!”).

Seriously, it's amazingly gratifying to see Island Yacht Club flourishing as a direct result of our own efforts spent there. Every member of Island Yacht Club contributes something to the club, that's how we keep our dues low (As Bob Naber puts it, “The Best Value Yacht Club in the Bay!”) and keep our friendships strong. I wouldn't have it any other way, would you?

Exotic Drinks Available ...

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I am trying some new wines, including champagnes; and some new beers, including Fat Tire and Skye Blue malt liquor. Let me know what you like and don't like; if you have any special favorite liquors let me know, as I do not get many requests for some of the more exotic things (I got my first request in over a year for Irish Cream last Saturday).

A great big THANK YOU!!! To Peter Linehan; he donated a hand truck, so I now have a way to move cases of wine, beer, sodas, etc., and do not have to do it two 6-packs, or four bottles, at a time.

And, although I know Peter will get a great big thank you elsewhere in here for his fabulous prime rib dinner, I want to add my voice. That was a lot of preparation, work, and imagination (the asparagus with Portobello mushrooms was to die for!).

Thank you again to John and Joyce Logan for all their help last year. Like everyone else, I will miss them.

Finally, a few requests:

1. Please do not leave dirty glasses and pitchers in the sink; wash them, rinse them, and set them to dry. If you are still there when they are dry enough to put away, please do so. And, please take the time to check that they are really clean. Just running them under water does not get them clean. It is important to get them absolutely sanitary. I am lobbying for a dishwasher for the bar; if anyone knows of anybody replacing their dishwasher, and they would like to donate their old one to the club, I would be delighted.
2. Please do not leave coffee grounds and the filter in the coffee machine. Dump the grounds in the trash, and wash out the coffee pot; otherwise, the grounds and the pot get moldy and disgusting!
3. If you notice that we are out of something, or it is getting low, leave me a note in the “Bar Manager” file in the small filing cabinet; or email me at: joanwetherell@earthlink.net.

Thank you, everybody. Here's to a great new sailing season, and I will see you all at the bar.

St. Paddie's Day at IYC!

March 20! Door prizes! All you can eat!

Menu: Corned beef & cabbage, carrots & potatoes, pineapple molded salad, pumpkin bars and one beverage included.

Price \$15.00

Dragonfly Flies

By Joyce and John Logan, Cruising Members

The further adventures of *Dragonfly* continue as we left Los Frailes and started for Partida. We decided early in the evening to start our maiden voyage on our own so up comes the dingy and deflating it and getting everything put away for the trip etc. We leave at 9 pm – first trip kind of exciting. The weather is good and the stars are unbelievable there are so many it takes your breath away, all the constellations that you don't see in Alaska it is great.

With the 2 of us we do 2 hour shifts so when one is on the other can sleep. So away we go; it is a calm night with some swells but nothing major, 2 or 3 feet. John takes 1st watch and so forth, works out really good, nothing eventful happens during the night and the swells calm down to about a foot and we get just enough wind to sail. Much easier than running the motor – no pull on the tiller. We see a few dolphins and a couple of whales and of course the flying wannabe-birds, the ever loving rays.

THEN IT HAPPENED!!!! A huge school of something , WHAT is it fish tuna? what? well it is a huge school of dolphins acting like they are possessed. They are in one spot and they are churning the water till it looks like a huge I don't know what, I am at a loss for words. There were dolphins everywhere around us and they were staying in one spot leaping there would be twenty at a time out of the water and I mean out of the water everywhere it was beyond words I saw what I thought was the ultimate by Big Sur when they were every place and thousands of them and it lasted so long but this was just such a vast amount in a lot smaller place but more in a frenzy it was beyond awesome. I tried to get John to go back through them but he wouldn't, had a notion to throw him overboard but then I wouldn't have anyone to plot my trip so I let him stay on board, he is so lucky.

Then of course as we neared Isla Partida we ran into the rays again and they acted like possessed rays tumbling and flipping and doing some real acrobatic stuff it is so fun to watch them they smack themselves silly. This lasted for miles not thick just every once in a while you might see 2 or 3 together. The Islands are volcanic cones and are real pretty red, like sand stone, reminds you of the red rock canyons of the western states. Really beautiful. I took a lot of pics of the dolphins so hope some came out good I only have 4 pics left on my last roll so I am hoping nothing really cool happens as I am going to really be mad at myself for not getting more film. I just kind of get carried away when I get into a deal like yesterday.

The bay we are in is really beautiful it has red cliffs and white beaches and cactus and aqua and deep blue waters. I just wish I had the words to really describe it I sure don't do it justice.

Tomorrow we go to Isla San Francisco to meet up with

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Sun, Sadie, Clams, Lightships

By Joanne McFee, Racing Co-Chair

So we must speak of wondrous things – sunshine, Sadie Hawkins, clams and Lightships.

An ancient Scottish and Irish tradition said unwed women could ask the man of her choice to marry on leap day. Somehow the tradition sifted down to Al Capp's comic strip 'Lil Abner. Sadie Hawkins was the daughter of the mayor of Dogpatch. She wasn't exactly a beauty queen so to find her a husband her father proclaimed Sadie Hawkins' Day, where the women chased the men. Needless to say, she never caught a husband, but Daisy Mae never caught Lil Abner either. Some of us remember Sadie Hawkins Dances – the girls asked the boys. I don't know who started the tradition at IYC, but it is now the longest running women skipper race on the Bay.

This year we had another big blue wonderful day on the estuary. Our original fleet of eight boats became four. Bad karma hit four race boats and our crash boat. David Hand saved us by putting out and picking up marks on *Jabberwock*, aided on pick-up by Rich Ahlf, who also took pictures to view at the bar. Since David was busy on the water, after a five minute postponement Ted Crum took over timing duties on the race deck aided by David Blumhorst, Shirley Ahlf and me. Betty Sleeth and Skippy came by to comment on the proceedings.

Amidst all this excitement there was a sailboat race, and apparently a good time was had by all. The winner was Lucie Van Breen on *Mirage*, who also won last year. In second, and first IYC skipper, was Dawn Chesney on *Wuvulu*. I understand that the "the battle of owners on fore-deck" was won by Ben Mewes with John New coming in second. I think you had to be there.

I spoke of Clams. After the race we held our annual clam chowder cook off. We were joined by the West Wight Potter "Potter Yachters" who held a seminar upstairs on Saturday and Sunday. There were five chowders entered. Judges Pam and Glen Krawiec and Rich and Shirley Ahlf said the chowders were really close, but after many tastes they awarded first place to Lucie Van Breen and second to Ben Mewes. We all went happily home full of sunshine, chowder and views of a full moon.

I spoke of the Lightship. The Double Handed Lightship

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Additions to Stained Glass Fleet

Artist: Glen Krawiec

There've been some additions to the nautical stained glass objects d'art on sale at IYC. They are on display on the window behind the bar. One-half of the sale price goes to the club, so check them out. If you want special colors not seen in the display, contact Glen at the club or at 510-339-9451 or at pkrawiec@aol.com.

Coming Back to La Paz

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friends we met in Alameda when they were there for a month getting their boat worked on and I hauled them around to get groceries etc as they had no transportation. We will spend a couple of days catching up on the comings and goings. They are headed across the Sea of Cortez for Puerto Vallarta. We will come back to La Paz to load up with groceries and fuel and be on our way North again. I wish you could all be with us so you could see for your self all these amazing things. It is beyond belief. I could kick myself for not having my camcorder not plugged in and up and ready to film this stuff. Well signing off for tonight, see you in the next adventure.

—Love ya all, Joyce

PS Jim no 12 ft seas & the Rolex is working perfect hahaha

And, the report from John:

Well, we finally did it. Took the big leap of faith. Sailed out the gate. Hoping the boat and crew were ready. The beautiful ship *Dragonfly* sails great just like her namesake.

We sailed out of Alameda Tuesday 1/ 21/04 at 10:00 AM. We got into Morro Bay at 8:00 AM on 1/24/04. Had a nasty ride down the coast past Big Sur. There was 8 to 10 ft swells with 4 feet wind waves, 10 to 30 knot winds. Everyone took it well though, but was really tired due to the night watches, as we ran for two nights.

Finally left San Diego on Feb 11. We decided to check into Mexico at Ensenada. It was an over-nighter to get there.

We finally got out of Ensenada Feb 16 and ran on down to Bahia de Tortugas (Turtle Bay). We got into Turtle Bay late, about 8:00 PM Feb 18. As we arrived after dark, another couple of cruisers lit up and guided us into a safe anchorage. Rested up a couple of nights in Turtle Bay.

Left Turtle Bay and headed on down to Bahia De Magdalena (Mag Bay) on Feb 20. We finally started catching fish. We got a Yellowfin Tuna and a Skipjack Tuna. The Yellowfin was excellent but the Skipjack wasn't that hot.

We finally got a window and left Beautiful Bahia De Magdalena on Monday, March 1st. On this leg we caught more Skipjack Tuna and also caught Bonita. The Bonita was very good eating. We barely outran the front moving in and arrived in Cabo San Lucas Tuesday afternoon, March 2, at 16:00 with a 25 knot wind on our tail. Decided to grab a slip in the Marina. Cost \$90 US, but we had Power and Water. Steve cleaned the waterline the next day while I was checking in and out and Joyce was doing Laundry. The Ag. Dept. came around and took all our "mad cow" beef and chicken. So Joyce also had to go grocery shopping. Spent that night out on a mooring buoy. Left Cabo the next morning, March 4th, early, headed for La Paz.

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DHLS Benefits Cerebral Palsy

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race is on April 3. This is one of our flagship races, the other being the Silver Eagle in July. This year is the 23rd DHLS, which benefits United Cerebral Palsy. We would love your participation in the race or on the Race Deck at Golden Gate Yacht Club. It's fun, a beautiful place and a good cause if you can help, call me at 925-254-5384.

Until then, life's a reef, and then you gybe.

—Joanne

Fun to Play Outside

By Shirley Ahlf, Rear Commodore

Those of you who couldn't make the Sadie Hawkins Day Race and Clam Chowder cookoff really missed a good time. The weather was so great, it was fun just to play outside.

One good time deserves another. St. Paddy's Day, March 20, should be a jolly green time. Corned beef and cabbage, all you can eat. Hope to see you there! Don't forget Friday Night races starting April 19th, Doublehanded Lightship Race April 3rd.

I had heard that Russ Otto and Betty Sleeth were taking on the Cruising and Ships Store. I'm very pleased about that, and I know they'll do a great job! But I just now learned that Glen Krawiec will be our Port Captain for the rest of 2004! Seems to me it's just a matter of title; he's already filled the role in many ways for a long, long time! He talked to me just yesterday and didn't even mention it, I can't believe it. This news has absolutely made my day! As outgoing Port Captain from last year, I have to think about what kind of information I can pass over, from one Port Captain to another.... I can think of a few things that are not fit to print, and I certainly don't want to change his mind. Good luck, Glen, and thank you!

—Shirley

Sierra is Good Eating

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Caught our first Sierra and it was also very good eating.

Only had a one day window and we had a fresh breeze in the afternoon so we pulled into a protected anchorage at Los Frailes that evening. And here we are. And they are forecasting 25 to 35 knot on our nose for the next two days. So we are going to wait it out right here. We probably won't get into La Paz for another week. This cruising is sure getting tough.

Until the next time,

John

Once-in-a-Lifetime Alaska Cruise

By Mary Tantillo

Join us on an 18-Day, Alaska Land Tour and Cruise,
from June 22 to July 9, 2004.

Holland America Tour 24 starts in Seattle and includes the
flight to Juneau. The land tour transportation includes:

deluxe motor coach, Lynn Canal cruise, White Pass &
Yukon Railroad, mv Yukon Queen II, and McKinley

Explorer railcar. The land tour itinerary includes: Juneau,

Skagway, Whitehorse, Klutane National Park, Dawson City,

Tok, Fairbanks, Denali National Park, Anchorage, and Seward.

We board the Ryndam cruise ship in Seward on day 11.

The cruise includes: Yakutat Bay, Hubbard Glacier, Sitka,
Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and the Inside Passage. Day
18 ends in Vancouver. The cost is \$3,826 per person for a
category MM inside cabin. There is a \$375 optional meal
plan for 15 land tour meals. A \$1,000 deposit is due within
five days of booking. The balance is due no later than 75
days prior to the start of the tour. All amounts are fully
refundable with written cancellation received at least 76
days prior to the tour.

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Board Meeting

March 20, 2004—1700 hours

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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| <u>Mar 20</u> | Board Meeting, then General Meeting
ST. PADDIE'S DAY CELEBRATION! |
| <u>Apr 03</u> | Double-handed Lightship Race |
| <u>Apr 16</u> | Friday Night Races—Spring Series Begins! |
| <u>Apr 24</u> | Board Meeting and General Meeting |