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 Nov 18 Commodore's Cup / Pot Luck

Commodore's Update
It's Commodore New's News!
 By John Truman New, Commodore

Howdy Islanders! Things have simmered down a bit since we're no longer planning to move to a different location this summer, were still exploring options but the pressure is off for now.

The Friday night racing-barbeques are back and it's great to have a beer and visit with the racers and club members around the bar and then have a nice barbeque dinner up stairs. Thanks to all the volunteers who keep those Friday nights happening: George and Javier set the race marks and Ben and Rich Ahlf picked them up. Debbie and Joanne were manning (womaning?) the galley, as usual. M.L. ran the Race Committee and was selling dinner tickets until John Ratto got of the boat. Joy-Lynn was dispensing the drinks. Good Fun.

The October 6th "Woman's Sailing Seminar" is beginning to take shape under Susan Ingram's and Dawn Chesney's leadership, they have **BIG** plans for this year's event. Check out the details and application inside the Mainsheet!

Plus, The Pig Roast is coming up and soon we'll be planning the end of year activities The Board is looking ahead to next year's officers and board members; we need names and a nominating committee. We also need volunteers for the 2008 budget and audit committee.

Good Sailing

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Racing Around

By Ben Mewes, Racing Co-chair

First things first: Friday night, IYC is the place to be if it's a Summer Twilight Night. We've got twenty skippers who know how to end their work week by getting their boat across the startline for a trip up the Estuary. Some more competitive than others, there's room for you too. Racing goes on Sept 8 and the 22nd.

If you don't feel like sailing, come on down for Joanne and her Galley Crew's BBQ. Fabulous fresh salads, corn bread, chili and dessert all add to your entrée selection. Garden burgers to steaks, the "grill your own" is a great deal. Starts after 7 PM.

And, if you have a moment, come do Race Committee! ML Higgins joined the race team, stalwarts David Hand, Glen and Pam Krawiec have been on deck regularly, Janet Frankel keeps score and there's room for you. Thanks to George Lythcott for continuing to set the marks.

What's it like racing on the Estuary? Ask about the Traffic Jam on the Second Half Opener! Two container ships consumed the narrow channel...and closed it almost completely when turning around. Unbelievable. See the photo and check your nerves!

Interclub racing is strong, with Ken Viaggi (*Galatea*) 3rd in Div 1, Paul Skabo (*Spindrift*) 2nd in Div 2, Heidi Schmidt (*Dominatrix*) leading the fleet 4. New member Mike Roper is out for his first circuit on his multi hull, *Serenity*, and your Flag Officers, Commodore New on *Wuvulu* and VC Mewes on *Mirage* holding down their fleets. One more race Sept 8.

Coming up....Jack and Jill +1 closes the women's sailing circuit in November....never too early! ⚓

Annual Auction

Saturday, September 29



Clean out those dock boxes! Check the garage! Bring someone's new treasure to IYC before 4:00 pm. Auction starts at 5:00 pm.

Dinner's at 7:00 pm and will be something wonderful from IYC's *mah-vah-lous* galley..

Come early that day to help us prepare the club for the Women's Sailing Seminar! Come back the next day to finish up! Jobs available for all skill levels!

Saturday, September 29: Help Clean during the day, and stay for the Auction and Dinner. Sunday, September 30: Finish up the clean-up—there will be lunch!

E-mail Lucie at bemewesed@yahoo.com or call Joanne at (510) 521-7442 to RSVP for either or both! ⚓

Add-Vice!

By Lucie Mewes, Vice Commodore

September...get ready for Women Sailing, Summer's end...smoothly moving from summer's winds to fall's favorite sails.

Time for Islanders to wind down after a summer of hard racing, relaxing cruising and generally enjoying each others' company whether at the club or on the boat.

For your vice commodore it's a time filled with wonder: who will step up to move the club forward through the next year, the next five years, the next five decades?

Fall will be filled with great goings-on at the club; September starts with an ocean sail to Half Moon Bay and final Friday Twilight racing followed by the WSS Work Party and Annual Auction Dinner at the end of the month. October's Women's Sailing Seminar (bring YOUR friends!), Oktoberfest cruise to Corinthian YC and the Fabulous Prime Rib Membership Dinner at the end of the month. November's Jack and Jill + 1 and Commodore's Challenge and Chili Cook off. Finally - our Hat's off to Commodore New at the annual Change of Watch Dinner. ⚓



Olson Lake Tahoe

By Dawn Chesney, WSS Co-Chair

A Naked Lady on Lake Tahoe.....? Well yes: *Naked Lady*, the Olson 30 owned by IYC member Jeff Blowers, competed in this national level one-design competition in July. In the end, *Naked Lady* and her crew placed 2nd overall! Actually, we like to say we placed 1st in the amateur division, as the winning boat had at least one pro on board. I was one of the seven crew members fortunate enough to be on *Naked Lady*. We worked hard and had a blast. What a beautiful place to sail!

Sunday: Travel Tahoe, rig and splash the boat, get settled in the condo. Monday through Wednesday: Practice each day which included up to 40 starts at 3 minute intervals (meaning we "start" the race and 3 minutes after the start, we start again and again and again), up to 10 spinnaker sets and douses, a dozen or more jibes in varying conditions, and uncountable tacks to perfect our roles.

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Labor Day Cruise to Half Moon Bay

David Shea, Cruising Co-chair

The IYC next major cruise is to Half Moon Bay over the Labor Day weekend, September 1st-3rd. Once again, the "Island Hoppers" will be joining other yacht clubs from the Bay area at an annual pilgrimage to Half Moon Bay over the long Labor Day weekend. As one of the club's major cruises, this is a "must do". Club members will be rafting and partying in the expansive harbor.

Since there will be plenty of space, there is no need for a reservation - just the need to let us know you'll be there. If you have to tie-up, please be advised that slips in the harbor are on a "first come, first served basis".

As one of the premier weekends, a cruise to Half Moon Bay is a must do. There are great restaurants (many with bands that play dancing music), a very hospitable town and sailors, from all over, enjoying the beautiful California coastline. So mark your calendars and plan to join other IYC members for a great cruise to one of the most popular destinations on our cruising calendar.

For more information, or to indicate your attendance, please contact David at "dbshea@excite.com" or call Betty Sleeth (assistant to the assistant Cruise Director) at 408/398-3910. 🌊

WSS T-shirts lyin' around?

Bring 'em on by! Before September 1!

We are collecting Women's Sailing Seminar T-Shirts *in any condition (torn, shredded, etc)* from past years to have made into a commemorative quilt. If you have an old WSS t-shirt that you can give up for this cause, please contact Pam Krawiec by no later than September 1st! 510-339-9451 or pkrawiec@aol.com. 🌊

Below: The crew aboard Naked Lady at the Olsen Nationals in July on Lake Tahoe. Left to Right: Tim Gullely, Mike Brennan, Jeff Blowers, Brad Pennington, Dawn Chesney, Mark Richardson (Carlos DeVilla took the picture!) At left: the crew with their well deserved award. (The Mainsheet cover art is also from this event!)



More from Tahoe!

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Monday and Wednesday were beautiful days with nice winds. Tuesday, we were challenged by winds up to 30 knots with stingers (wicked, wicked gusts) even higher. Our confidence was shaken when we experienced a BIG round down and then stayed 90 degrees over. This resulted in 2 of the crew in the water, a broken spinnaker pole and a 175 pound guy on top of me as the boat lay on her side.....OUCH!!! Mike later said "Hey, I never even hit fiberglass in the round-down".... I explained why his landing was so soft! I figured we were done for the day, took a shower and was tending to my back, when crew call was made.....they had borrowed a spinnaker pole; we went back out to practice in that wicked wind!

Thursday through Sunday: 8 races total with lighter wind each day, not what we wanted. We wished for big wind which would favor the Bay boats over the So Cal boats. Besides, we'd already had our wipe-out and now knew how to avoid that maneuver. Saturday was a long day: 3 races including a long course that took us into Emerald Bay and around the Island....beautiful!!!

We went into the last race tied for second place and knew who we needed to beat and by how many boats. Our tactician decided we would stay left on the downwind run, as the day before, we'd stayed to the right while under spinnaker only to watch boats to the left pass us by. We were the 4th boat to round the first mark and, as planned, we stayed to the left. We ran out of wind and watched in horror as every other boat in the fleet went to the right and pulling ahead of us with full kites. I was quietly swearing—we'd blown it—and wondered if we'd even finish the race. Then, as had happened the day before, the wind shut down on the right and filled lightly on the left.

Thankfully Jeff's used to light wind sailing; we were the first boat to the second mark & won the race, securing our second place overall finish! We all agreed (the crew on the boat & our shore crew watching us) that this was the most agonizing race we'd ever been in and yet so rewarding to have kept to our plan and watch it—eventually—work!

P.S. To read why Jeff named his boat Naked Lady, learn about his choice of graphics and see a photo of his killer tattoo, go to the November 2006 Latitude, page 164. 🌊



Verba Buena Reminiscence

By Janet Frankel

Many years ago—though it doesn't seem that long ago, when you really think about it—Peter and I wandered into Island Yacht Club, driven partly by curiosity, mostly by thirst. And to see how we corrected out in an IYC beer can race. Our sturdy Cal 20, Frankie, lived on her trailer near the hoist by the harbor master. Peter liked to call Frankie the VW Microbus of sailboats—the Flower Power sticker on her transom contributed to the microbus ambience. Anyway, unbeknownst to us, inside the club, waiting for unsuspecting newbies, was SHIRLEY AHLF! We didn't have a chance. If you know Shirley—and I know you do—then you know what I mean. Charming, beguiling, forceful, humorous, determined, tactful, and entertaining. We filled out our application and scratched out a check.

Why, Dear Reader, am I mentioning this now, after all these years? Well, I have always remembered that it was Shirley who got me involved with IYC. And, last week I was reminiscing with Susan Ingram about when I first became an IYC member. Susan and Beth (Coyne) joined a couple of years ago. I remember very well: the Sunday Races of the Women's Sailing Seminar and Dawn Chesney was instructing aboard an unruly Santana 22. The boat was brought back to the dock for disciplining, and Susan and Beth were there aboard a Tanzer 27, and helped us get the rebellious Tuna around to her berth.

Later that same afternoon, I found Susan and Beth ensconced at the IYC bar, our newest IYC members! I remember being pleased and impressed. But it was only years later that I learned what really happened. Yep, you guessed it. Shirley.



Next Board Meeting

September 11, 2007 at 7:30pm

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