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## Labor Day Cruise-Out to Half Moon Bay

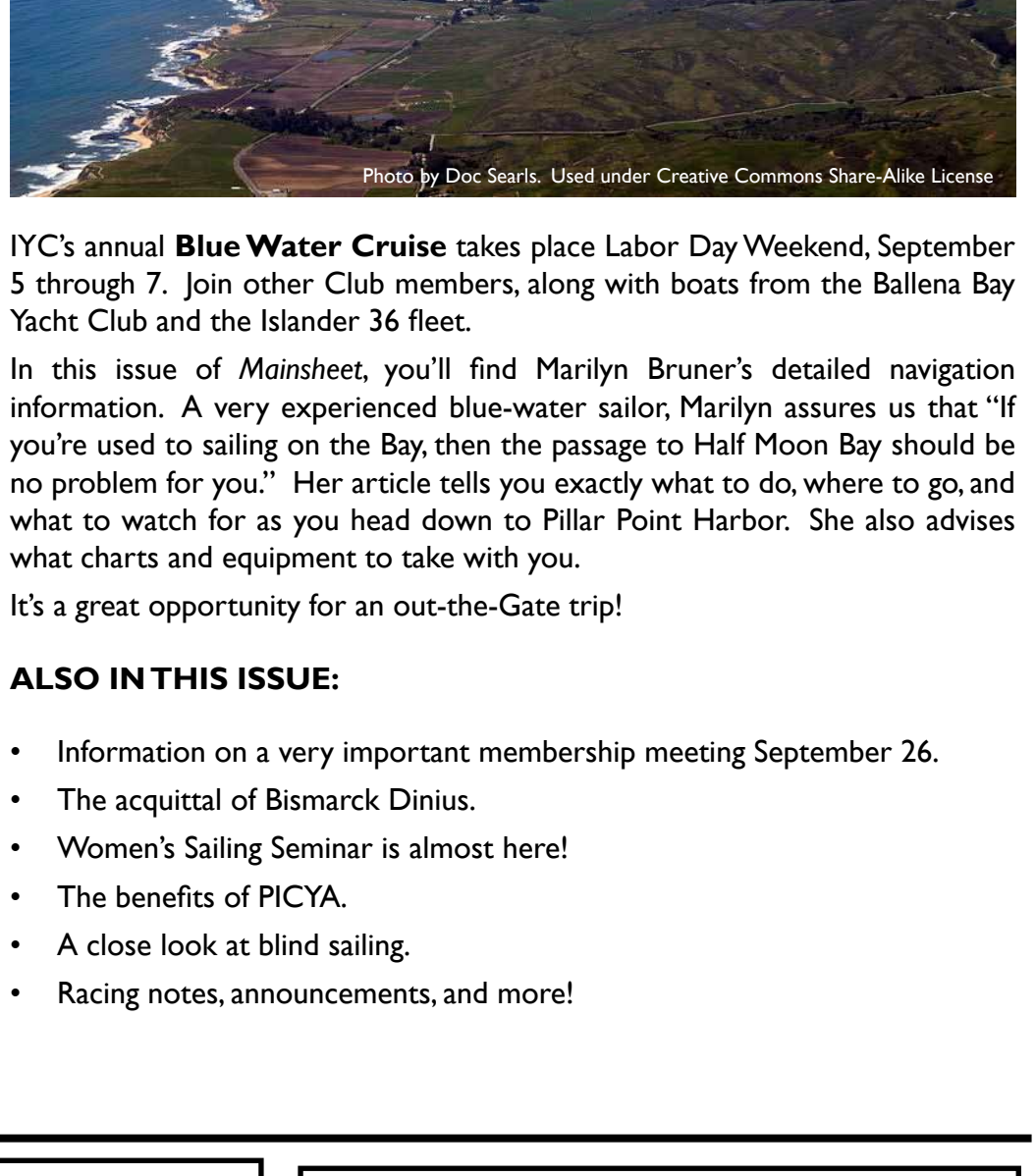


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IYC's annual **Blue Water Cruise** takes place Labor Day Weekend, September 5 through 7. Join other Club members, along with boats from the Ballena Bay Yacht Club and the Islander 36 fleet.

In this issue of *MainSheet*, you'll find Marilyn Bruner's detailed navigation information. A very experienced blue-water sailor, Marilyn assures us that "If you're used to sailing on the Bay, then the passage to Half Moon Bay should be no problem for you." Her article tells you exactly what to do, where to go, and what to watch for as you head down to Pillar Point Harbor. She also advises what charts and equipment to take with you.

It's a great opportunity for an out-the-Gate trip!

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### AUGUST 29 2009 Membership Dinner!

## ANNUAL PIG ROAST!

Combined event with the Hobie Fleet Regatta!  
 Bar Opens: 6:00 pm Dinner: 7:00 pm

### REBOC Call to Arms

Recreational Boaters of California (REBOC) is urging boaters to take action to address another situation where boater access could be severely compromised.

This time, the issue involves two gates proposed across popular boating waterways in the Sacramento San-Joaquin Delta.

Boaters should request action to ensure that the two gates proposed to be placed across Old River and Connection Slough in the Delta known as the **Two Gates Project** be revised to ensure reliable boating access for boats of all sizes navigating these popular waterways.

Boaters are encouraged to contact the Governor and legislators, including the Senators and Assembly Members on a two committee.

The full Call to Arms document is available at [http://rebo.org/call\\_to\\_arms.html](http://rebo.org/call_to_arms.html).

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sept 5-7 Labor Day Weekend
- Cruise-Out to Half Moon Bay!**
- Sept 8 Board Meeting
- Sept 12 Interclub Race Series
- Sept 19 Talk Like a Pirate Day (Arrigh)
- Sept 26 Work Day / Special Meeting for Bylaws Revision / Dinner
- October 10 & 11 17th Annual Northern California Women's Sailing Seminar**

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

**By-Laws, Cruise-outs, Races and Arrrgggghhh!**  
 by Dawn Chesney

August was a serious month for the Board and the By-Laws Review Committee; a contrast to the fact it was still summer, so we should be playing right! Our August Board meeting was devoted almost entirely to completing the By-Laws Proposal and getting a passing vote by the Board. Now, it's your turn.

Our September 26th Membership meeting will be a Special Meeting as required by the current By-Laws. This means we will still have dinner and enjoy our special IYC camaraderie, but our main purpose will be to discuss and vote on the Proposed By-Laws. This is serious business, as our objective is to put By-Laws in place that reflect how IYC really works today and serve the Club well for a long time. The timing of this vote is also important as it affects when we can offer membership specials, and we want that in place for the Women's Sailing Seminar on October.

The Proposed By-Laws were posted at the Club and links to the on-line versions emailed to all members on August 26th. Please take time to carefully review this information; your educated vote at the September 26th Special Meeting is important. Also, please give a heartfelt Thanks to Cindy, Dave B, Dick, John K and Ted for their many, many hours devoted to this project.

Note that August was all work; of course we had some FUN! The **Racer Chicks** have decided not to defend their position in the fleet any longer, so watch out for us during the **Island Nights** races! The post-race dinner and raffish party at the Club has been packed. Thanks to the Race Committee and everyone who make the Galley and Bar happen, well run races and terrific food as always.

I had the honor and pleasure of sailing with the **California One** crew before they left for their **2009 Blind Sailing Nationals** competition on the East Coast. I thought I was just going along as rail-meet, but they had other ideas. I was their tactician, which meant I was literally their eyes as they sailed the boat.

As most of you probably do, I take my sight for granted. It was thought-provoking to contemplate what information they needed to know. What is that noise (cries at the Port, steel scrapes being loaded onto a freighter, a tug & barge coming up), why am I telling them to quickly turn right (to avoid an object being being set up by the flood)? alerting them to wakes coming our way, helping them to understand how our weight placement affects the speed of the boat. In hindsight, I am amazed at the amount of trust this requires on the part of Walt and Phil, and admire their courage to sail something neither of them did when they were sourced. I can't wait to hear from the CA One crew about their Nationals experience!

Also in the Fun category was **John's Arrrgggghhh Birthday Party**. Lots of pirates and Lots of News; I mean the relatives of John who came from all over to celebrate with us. Tummy Food, great band and the dancing; if you didn't stay till the end, you missed some FUN!

Not so fun for the pig, is our upcoming **Pig Roast!** Joel Sailer is our Pig Roaster and with one Hobie Fleet sailors in attendance, it is sure to be lively evening. John will also be awarding the **Silver Eagle** trophies, so we may have some good stories out of that group as well. David Shea is even coming all the way from the East Coast for this event!

I am looking forward to our **Half Moon Bay Cruise-out** over Labor Day weekend. If you can't come by boat, join us via blacktop. Just let Marilyn know when you expect to be there and she will make sure to keep you informed about the goings-on. Some of the Ballena Bay YC members and the Islander 36 Fleet are also expected to join us, so I anticipate more fun.

To be sure to mark your calendars for October 10th & 11th, IYC's 17th annual **Women's Sailing Seminar**. Your help before and during the event is critical to the seminar's success. Besides being a fabulous two days in the classroom and on the water for these women, it is also a terrific time to recruit new IYC members. And I absolutely LOVE seeing the glow of confidence on the faces of the women at the end of the day when they realize they really can do this!

Let's have some fun and enjoy the year together! 🚩

### From the Editor's Desk

**By Dave Bloch**

Lots of good stuff in this issue! But this time, I'm going to let you find it on your own, and talk about the Website instead.

Have you been to [www.iyc.org](http://www.iyc.org) lately? With the Webmastering duties passing from Janet Frankel (who graciously has done this job for YEARS... Thank You Janet!) to Rear Commodore David Ross, it seemed like a good time for a rebuild. Web work is something I've done for years, and this looked like a fun project. It was!

It would be cheating to tell you how to move around the site; it's any good then that should be easy and obvious. But a small survey that I did made it obvious that events, including the racing schedule, had to be right up front. You'll find that list for the next few months right on the Home Page.

I DO want to make a pitch for the new **interactive Forums**, which IYC has never had before. You'll find that link on the Home Page. We hope that our members will use this free service to volunteer for or find crew, trade stories and information, and generally get closer as a Club.

The Forum is easy to use, based on the phpBB system that is used all over the Web. You will need to **Register** the first time you go in if you want to post items. (Right now, all the Forums may be viewed without registering and logging in. But we will probably change that soon.) When you register, the system will send a confirmation Email to your inbox to which you must respond before it's active. Once this initial sign-up period has passed, Registration will require a Forum Moderator to approve your registration manually.

Please go in and give the Forums a try! And feel free to suggest new ones to add to the ones that are already there. 🚩

### By-Laws Review Committee Update

**By Cindy Wagner, Bylaws Review Committee Chair**

At long last, after many, many hours of discussion, the By-Laws Committee completed its review of IYC's current by-laws.

Each word and sentence was carefully (and sometimes at great length) discussed to ensure the wording and the intent of our by-laws reflected IYC's current and anticipated future practices.

The new by-laws with the recommended changes was presented to IYC's Board on Tuesday, August 11th, where the changes were the primary focus of the monthly Board meeting. The by-laws were again discussed in their entirety including the proposed changes. A few additional changes were made and the proposed new by-laws were unanimously approved by the Board.

Within the next few days, each club member will receive an email from Commodore Dawn providing the proposed new by-laws and clearly identifying the changes being made. The by-laws and changes will also be posted at the club.

The new by-laws will present for a membership vote at our September membership dinner. We encourage you to attend the September dinner and hope you will take some time to review the changes prior to that evening.

My personal thanks to my fellow committee members (Dave Bloch, Dick Vandenberg, Ted Crum and John Ratto) for their hard work! It was truly an intense process, and the Committee worked with care and dedication throughout. It is our hope you will be pleased with the new by-laws being recommended. 🚩

### WSS—A Great Opportunity to Recruit a New Member!

**By Cindy Wagner, Membership Chair**

WSS is right around the corner. That's right, the 17th annual **Northern California Women's Sailing Seminar** is October 10th & 11th at IYC.

Can you think of a better way to introduce someone you know to sailing?

Can you think of a better way for someone who is relatively new to sailing and wants to learn more?

Is there a better venue for someone you know who wants to enhance her skills and network with other women who sail?

Is there a better way to introduce Island Yacht Club to women who sail or want to sail and also recruit future members?

Personally, I can't think of any place better than WSS. WSS offers presentations by dynamic women speakers and both classroom and on-the-water workshops by excellent instructors. Women teaching women about sailing. All of that, presented in the wonderful IYC spirit!

Two years ago, I was new to sailing and attended the 2007 WSS. It was absolutely great and I had the opportunity to spend time with Lucie Mewers and Dawn Chesney. Fast forward, I joined IYC and have loved every minute. I wasn't alone, Joyce Brack and Kathie Welch also joined after WSS 2007. Speranza Avram was also a prior WSS attendee. Speranza and her spouse, Dave Bloch, cited their attendance at WSS as one of the reasons they chose to join IYC earlier this year when they moved to the Bay Area.

Spread the word about WSS and also recruit a potential new IYC member!! 🚩

### California One Update

**By Philip Kum, Marin Sailing School**

California One, the sailboat racing team consisting of a blind helmsman, blind sail trimmer, a sighted tactician, and a single foredeck crew member, are on their way to the **2009 Blind Sailing Nationals** held in Newport, Rhode Island! In preparation for the annual national competition, California One enlisted the help of Island Yacht Club members Steve Bayles, Dawn Chesney, George Lythcott, Danny Newsum, and John New.

On the beautiful red-hulled J24 *Dire Straits*, California One worked on racing skills and practiced some new techniques and tactics that IYC members shared with the team. California One learns something new every time out on the water, and the experience of sailing with the Island Yacht Club members proved to be invaluable.

To gear up for the nationals, California One teamed up with Steve Bayles and the *Dire Straits* crew of the Oakland Yacht Club's Wednesday night races out on the Oakland Estuary. With Steve's guidance, the team took second place — a first ever for California One! This finish along with the practice and knowledge gained from working with Island Yacht Club members is propelling the team into the National Championships in Newport, California. One hopes to make you guys proud — by bringing some hardware back home.

**Editor's Note:** you can download the *Blind Sailing Manual* used by many schools directly from the Website of the New Zealand Council for sailing for the Blind and Vision Impaired at <http://tinyurl.com/loqxu6>.

### Annual Blue Water Cruise

**By Marilyn Bruner, Cruising Chair**

[Scroll down for detailed navigation and chart information.]

The traditional annual **IYC Blue Water Cruise** to Half Moon Bay is almost upon us! The Labor Day weekend is a great time to visit this popular cruising destination and it makes a great way to top off the summer's activities.

This year's cruise runs from Saturday, September 5th through Monday, September 7th. Days this time of year are usually warm, nights cool, and seas are mostly mild. We usually raft up at anchor inside the well-protected breakwater of **Pillar Point Harbor** and dinghy into shore. Shore-side attractions are many and there are great restaurants within walking distance of the docks. However, the parties and camaraderie on the vessels in raft-up are where the real action is.

You really, really don't want to miss this event — just ask anyone who has ever been on one! If you haven't yet ventured outside the Golden Gate but would like to, this cruise is for you. If you already have, then you already know how much fun lies ahead. If you're being reluctant to stick your nose out the Gate (like I was for years) then definitely come along on this one. You'll be glad you did.

At press time, the following boats were signed up to make the trip: **Nanaimo** - Pete Butler/Bethany Smith (this will be their last stop on the way back from their Islands); **Brigid** - Corley & Anna Stewart; (this will be their last stop on their way back from Monterey, Farnsworth - Marilyn Bruner - 4 crew; and **Sugar Magnolia** - Cindy Wagner & Was Biggler. There will also be boats from Ballena Bay YC and the Islander 36 fleet.

If you're used to sailing on the Bay, then the passage to Half Moon Bay should be no problem for you. The main differences are that the winds are usually a lot lighter, and there will be swell (long-period waves). The swell is usually light this time of year - 2 to 4 feet, though it can be higher if a lot of wind has been blowing. (We'll keep our eye on the weather and will stay inside the Bay if conditions look iffy. After all, this is supposed to be fun!) It can get a little bouncy going out the Gate, depending on the wind strength and how you time the current. After that, the biggest complaint is usually that there's not enough wind. Be prepared to motor a bit. (Or maybe a lot!)

Activities for the weekend are only loosely defined. We usually enjoy dinner and hors d'oeuvres at arrival, then enjoy the food for dinner. Breakfast on Sunday is aboard, and can be a great shared experience on boats participating in the raft-up. Daytime Sunday is unstructured time. Sunday evening can either be another dinner ashore or one cooked aboard, depending on what folks want to do. The Half Moon Bay Yacht Club usually has events going on both nights, though I haven't been in contact with them to make specific visit arrangements. Monday breakfast can be aboard again, or one can go ashore. Most of us like to depart by late morning on Monday in order to get home at a reasonable hour.

### Navigation Information:

Our destination is Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay. You will need charts 18649 - Entrance to San Francisco Bay, 18680 - Point Sur to San Francisco Bay, and 18682 - Half Moon Bay, or their equivalent in electronic form. (It's a good idea to carry the paper even if you do have electronic charts.) All these charts are included in the *Chart Book for Northern California*. The latter is a great set of charts to have, as it covers the San Francisco Bay and delta up to Sacramento, Stockton, Napa and Petaluma as well as the California coast from Point Sur to the Oregon border.

You'll also need a reliable compass. A hand-bearing compass will do and is a good item to have, even if your boat carries a good ship's compass. A working depth sounder can be a useful navigation tool to help you determine where you are along a bearing line. A good pair of binoculars is indispensable. A GPS receiver is great to have, but don't rely on it exclusively. I carry two ("just in case.") Radar is a wonderful tool to have, especially if we have fog. If you don't have one, you may be able to buddy boat with someone who does.

I think that a reliable VHF radio is essential, both for emergency use and for monitoring vessel traffic service on channels 12 and 14 while you're inside the Bay. Keeping a listening watch on those big, bad, sailboat-eating commercial ships. Also, don't forget to monitor channel 16, the international calling and distress frequency. Once beyond Mile Rock, and clear of the shipping channels, I'll probably drop channels 12 and 14 and maintain a radio watch on channels 9 and 16. You can call on either one. I'll also carry my cell phone, number 650-207-2207. The cell is the best system once we are in port.

I like to exit the Bay near the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge in order to avoid the deep water channel that the big container ships use. Use chart 18649. After passing the tower, set a course for 225 to 230 magnetic toward Mile Rock, which is about 2 nm SV of the south tower. Don't forget to allow for the effects of current, which will be in flood between 8:49AM and 2:47 PM on Saturday, September 5th. Max flood is at 11:41 at 3.3 kt. Mile Rock doesn't look like a rock at all, but like a big cylindrical tower. Leave it to port to avoid the shoals to the south.

After passing Mile Rock, you need to decide where to cross the San Francisco bar. Shift to chart 18680. If the seas are calm, usually set a course for about 200 magnetic to cross the bar at its lowest point, about set 3 miles out. Then I turn south to a course of 165 magnetic, which will put me about 2 miles off shore at the Point Montara light. The big radar antenna at Pillar Point should be clearly visible off your port bow.

A course of 150 magnetic should take you to the buoys marking the entrance to Pillar Point Harbor. There are two: a red/white buoy marked **PP** is the outermost marker and should be ahead of you. The second, **Green number 1** should be off the port bow and **Green number 3** will be beyond.

If the swell is running more than about 4 feet, it may be a good idea to pass the bar just outside the deep water channel, which extends from 4 to 7 nm beyond Mile Rock. This channel is marked by four pairs of buoys. Stay just outside (south of) the red buoy line. Once you clear Pillar Point, set your course to take you to a waypoint 2 miles offshore from Point Montara and proceed as above.

### Entering Pillar Point Harbor

Shift to chart 18682. Set your course to leave **Green 1** to port. If you haven't yet located **Green 3**, its bearing from **Green 1** is 089 magnetic. After passing **Green 1**, proceed to leave **Green 3** to port and **Red 2** to starboard. **IMPORTANT!** You must pass between **Green 3** and **Red 2** before turning toward the entrance to the outer breakwater in order to avoid a dangerous reef.

Once you have passed **Green 3**, turn to a heading of 340 Magnetic, which will take you to the breakwater entrance. There is a light mounted on a tall pole on the end of the outer breakwater that marks the entrance. You'll head toward the breakwater to the right of the light - the entrance becomes visible to port when you are even with the light. Hang a left, go between the two banks of the breakwater and you're there! 🚩

### Racing Notes

**John New, IYC Race Chair**

While only two more 2009 IYC **Island Nights** races left! The last race comes up September 18. It doesn't seem possible that this Friday is over so soon. Our PRO David Hand will be on hand again this season to oversee the race committee.

On to the **Island Sundays Midwinter Series** which starts up, the second Sunday in November. Oh, and there is the **Jack & Jill Plus One** on November 1 and the **Commodore's Cup** later in November ... around TI again??

The 2009 Island Nights summer series has been a blast with tons of boats. We have big boats like the Farr 44 and J120 out in Division A and small guys (and girls) like the Cal 20s in division D. The 168 Division J24, Heret 24, and Capri 25s) has been a super division this year, and Laura's Merit 24 *Brewster* actually gets the trophy occasionally. Our race Chicks on the J24 *Dire Straits* with Dawn Chesney at the helm, has broken their streak of "holding their position" in the fleet.

We have the award presentations for the **Silver Eagle** race Saturday August 29 with the Pig Roast. The Hobie Fleet is also having their annual **Around TI Race**, and will be joining us for dinner. I expect a lot of fun and good stories from that crowd!

For the Silver Eagle, Fabio Maino's *Flying Tiger*, Centomiglia took first place and Andrew Scott's F27 *Peregrine Falcon* second. For the Eagle, we have John Gulliford's J24 *Phantom* in first place again (Gulliford has won this race 4 times!) and Kit Wiegman's *Islander 36 Cassiopeia* in second place. See you out there! 🚩

### Voice From the Rear

**By David Ross, Rear Commodore**

**PICYA**, an acronym that peaked my interest several months ago, stands for **Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association**. PICYA may be thought of as a meta-club of yacht clubs that largely serves as a means for yacht clubs to keep in contact with one another. Among its many activities are the delegates' dinner meetings that are held monthly from February through November at various yacht clubs nationwide.

These dinners are open to members of any yacht club, and in fact clubs earn "points" toward a participant's prize when their members feast at these events.

The next dinner is scheduled for September 14, 2009, at the Sausalito Yacht Club. The cost is \$20/person with RSVP requested by September 7 to Elaine Kolowich (phone 415 332 7400 ext. 117; or email office@sausalitoyachtclub.org). More information about this dinner can be found at <http://picya.org/BluePage/DelegatesMeeting.html>.

Some history and more details of PICYA follow below.

The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) was formed in San Francisco on May 12, 1896, to improve communication between yacht clubs, provide uniform racing rules, and encourage yachting. The US Yacht Racing Association and YRA of San Francisco were created in 1928 to take over most major sail races. From the 5 charter clubs, today there are 100 member clubs in Northern California with a combined membership of approximately 15,600 boating families.

Most clubs participate in a variety of inter-club activities designed to strengthen member yacht clubs. Many clubs have nearly perfect attendance at the monthly General Delegates Meetings, which are the primary source of information for delegates. There is a Fleet Officers' Conference each spring to familiarize new club leaders with the heads of various boating related organizations. There is a corresponding Management Seminar designed to improve club management skills. Safety conferences are also held to address topical issues of concern. Clubs compete annually for 26 prestigious perpetual trophies including keels, booby, predicted log, over-the-bottom, leadership, newsletter, and participation competitions. Public service projects and ideas are shared between clubs. Officers are installed each January at the Commodore's Ball.

The *Yachting Yearbook* is published annually as an informative directory of member clubs, boat owner listings, and association activities. The bi-monthly *PICYA Log* and the organization's Website at [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) both provide more timely reporting of association committees and open club activities.

The Association created Recreational Boaters of California (REBOC) in 1964 as a governmental advocacy organization representing California boaters. It is committed to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

### Opening Day on the Bay is the 18th Annual PICYA event.

PICYA is the only organization in Northern California that supports the promotion of recreational boating through the coordination and dissemination of information for the benefit of boaters. 🚩

### Bismarck Dinius Not Guilty

**By Ted Crum, IYC Director-at-Large**

On August 20, a Lake County jury brought in what is a case that had paralyzed the California sailing community when it found Bismarck Dinius not guilty of felony BUI and BUI resulting in death. A third charge of operating with a BAC of over .08 was dismissed.

In April 2006, Dinius was steering the sailboat owned by Mark Weber. With Weber aboard, it was struck at night by the power boat of off-duty Sheriff's deputy Russell Perdock, traveling at over 40 mph. Weber's fiancée Lynn Thornton was killed in the collision. The District Attorney attempted to prove that Dinius' drinking led to negligence in not using the boat's running lights. Perdock was not charged.

Dinius has been unable to work while defending himself, and his expenses exceed \$100,000. You may consider joining many who have contributed to the **Bismarck Dinius Defense Fund**: make a check to Bismarck Dinius, with "defense fund" on the memo line, and mail it to Sierra Central Credit Union, Attn: Brian Fowworthy, 306 N Sunrise Ave, Roseville, CA 95611 or contribute through Paypal to the ID Bismarck Dinius@comcast.net.

Thanks to *Latitude 38* for breaking this story and continuing to provide complete coverage and thoughtful commentary. 🚩

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[http://www.record-bee.com/cj\\_13170772](http://www.record-bee.com/cj_13170772)

## More Photos from August at IYC!

### John New's 60th Birthday Pirate Party! Arrggghh!!!



Chowing down at the bar



Glen and Pam Krawiec enjoying the party



Cap'n John welcomes the crowd!



Cap'n John and Wench Dawn



Lila Celhey & David Ross dance to the great music of Bumpy Road