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**Awards and New Officers at the 2010 Change of Watch Dinner**



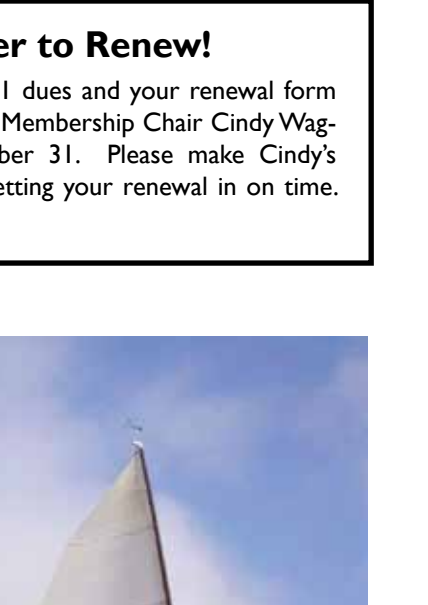
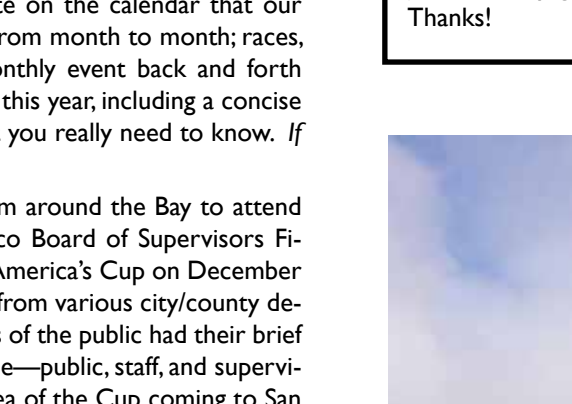
2010 Commodore David Ross awards the Volunteer of the Year trophy to incoming Galley Manager (and Friday night barbeque artist) Brendan McKenna.

An Evening in Bodrum was the theme for this year's dinner party, as **Sandra Paz** raided her amazing cache of scenic materials to create a desert tent (complete with cushions and a hookah!) right in IYC's bar! At right, **Pete Butler** handles the DJ'ing tasks to create a mood of fun and mystery.



Photo below left: 2010 Commodore David Ross with Lita Cellyay, and Speranza Avram with 2011 Commodore Dave Bloch.

Below right: the new flag officers Thom Mantooth (Rear), Kristen Soetebeier (Vice), Dave Bloch (Comm) and David Ross (Staff).



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**JAN / FEB EVENTS CALENDAR**

Sat Jan 1 Alameda Round the Island Cruise  
 Sun Jan 9 Island Days Race #3  
 Tue Jan 11 Board Meeting  
 Sat Jan 22 Crab Feed  
 Sun Feb 6 Super Bowl Party  
 Tues Feb 8 Board Meeting  
 Sun Feb 13 Island Days Race #4  
 Sat Feb 26 Sadie Hawkins Race / Chowder Cookoff / Membership Dinner

**Commodore's Corner**  
 By Dave Bloch

One month in the IYC hot seat (it doesn't quite feel like the "Captain's Chair" yet) and I'm just beginning to get the feel of how much floats up here. As I write this, the new Board has had our planning meeting, and our first regular meeting December 14.

We have a full year of activities in 2011, and you'll find the calendar in this MainSheet. (You'll find lots more coming up as well, as Pete Butler writes about below in his *Cruisin' article*.) I will be continuing as MainSheet Editor during my Commodore year, so this one article will replace the Commodore's and Editor's columns that you've seen since 2009.

We still have one key position that we'd still like to fill for 2011... which is **Publications Chair**. This officer's task is to oversee IYC's publications, including the **IYC.ORG** Website and **MainSheet**, along with other materials we publish (like the New Member packet). "Oversee" does not mean "control" here. I write this on December 16, and I really look to be produced when, and makes sure someone is doing it. The Pub Chair can also help the Editor pull in articles, photos and other material from around the club for **MainSheet**.

A particular goal for the Board this year is to improve the communications we have with all of you. You'll note on the calendar that our Membership Dinner dates vary quite a bit from month to month; races, holidays and other activities push that monthly event back and forth each month. So expect to see more Emails this year, including a concise weekly one with any event information that you really need to know. If you have opinions on this, please let me know!

I was one of several yacht club officers from around the Bay to attend and speak (3 minutes) to the San Francisco Board Supervisors Finance Committee meeting concerning the America's Cup on December 8. The spuds heard several lengthy reports from various city/county departments and then several dozen members of the public did their brief say. My perception is certainly that everyone—public, staff, and supervisors alike—was really positive about the idea of the Cup coming to San Francisco. But there was also a lot of reality-checking going on about the financial risks and liabilities to be incurred. Still, I was really impressed that the local governments have pulled together so well, and so fast, to put this deal together. As I write this on December 16, it really looks to me like San Francisco has done an incredible job on this, and it would be an incredible slap in the face for the Race Organizing Committee to turn its back on its home.

I was out on the Race Deck this Sunday for **Island Days #2**. What an unexpectedly great afternoon! There was not supposed to be any wind on Sunday, but a nice breeze came out, the fog cleared, and it was sunny, warm and beautiful. With 30 boats on out on the water, it looked great. Read all about it in John New's Racing Notes.

By the way, Big Sportsmanship Points to John's *Wuvulu*. When *Audacious* ran aground before the first gun, *Wuvulu* came around to try and pull her off the bottom. That attempt was not successful, but fortunately the rising tide helped *Audacious* get off afterwards. *Wuvulu's* generous assistance cost her a fast start, but showed what the folks who practice this sport are really made of. Thanks to John and his crew!

You'll find photos in this issue of the **Change of Watch dinner, Island Days** and two of the **Commodore's Cup** race. Remember you can always submit pictures for **MainSheet!** Email them to me or, if you have lots of them, call or Email me for instructions on how to post them to our **Flickr.com** collection.

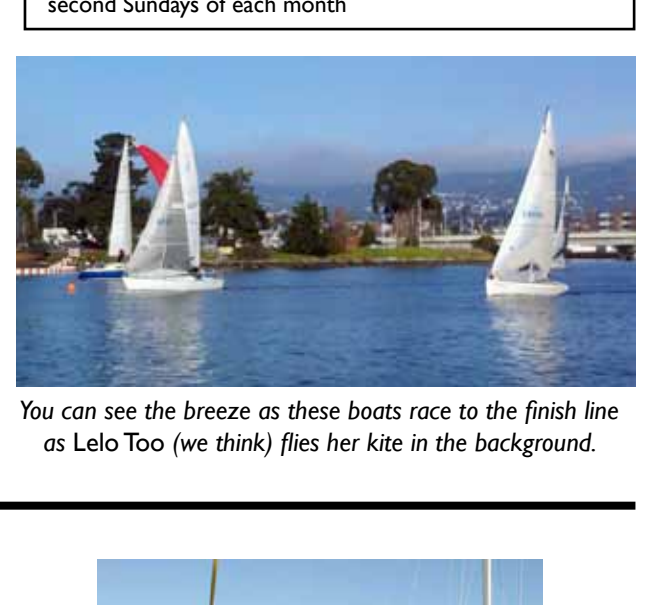
That's all for now! I look forward to enjoying this year with everyone!



Compulsory Commodore photo replaced by more interesting photo of Commodore's BOAT at Opening Day 2010.

**Remember to Renew!**

Remember, 2011 dues and your renewal form should be in to Membership Chair Cindy Wagner by December 31. Please make Cindy's job easier by getting your renewal in on time. Thanks!



A really pretty view of Crinan II from the race deck at Island Days Race #2.

**Race Notes**  
 By John New, Race Chair

The second **Island Days** Midwinter race on Sunday was again a beautiful day with 30 boats on hand for the race. **David and Devin Hand** were unavailable due to a new grandbaby so **Glen Krawiec** and **Thom Mantooth** took over the RC duties with Commodore **Dave Bloch** assisting. Glen lobbied for setting the Brooklyn Basin mark to give more short course possibilities. We were a little concerned about the breeze as there was a "Spare the Air" day warning (which can't be good) and we didn't want a repeat of the last race when no boats finished. But the wind defied the forecast, with a wonderful building breeze throughout the race. All the boats finished in about one hour.

The marks were set including the Brooklyn Basin mark. I noticed the tide was lower than usual, with lots of ribs from the old whaling fleet showing and assorted boilers awash on the west and north sides of Coast Guard Island.

Sure enough, the *30 Audacious* got herself stuck in the mud near the Coast Guard Island bridge while maneuvering for the start. We gave her a tug with *Wuvulu* but she remained stuck until the rising tide floated her off.

The wind was a nice 5 to 10 knots at the start. **Greg Nelson** brought *Invisible Hand*, a brand new J111 to the A fleet start. We gave the J111 a PHRF of 20 since YRA hasn't come up with a rating as yet. **Grant Hayes** brought his *Hobie 33* *Wessis Too*. The J111 took First Place with the Moore 24 *Double Trouble* in second. *Phantom* took First in the 168 fleet with *Dawn* and *Dirce* Straits taking the day off.

We started the *Columbia 55's* as a one-design with the 168 fleet in the B start with *Seabiscuit* taking the gun. We had 10 boats in the C spinaker division with *LeLo Too* running away at the start and never looking back; second was **Bill King** in his new-to-him *Santana 25* *Rozamatozz*. (Bill is really liking his new boat!) The non-spin D fleet had nine boats at the start with the *Mercury Magic* beating *Golater* for the gun and the win.

Next **Island Days** is January 9. Happy Holidays!

**Cruisin'!**  
 By Pete Butler, Cruise Chair

First, I'd like to give a big shout-out to our outgoing Cruise Chair, **Dick Vandenberg**, for organizing some fantastic cruise-outs. We had a gas in Benicia and Half Moon Bay—among other destinations—and I'm looking forward to continuing the fine example set by Dick (and former cruise chair **Dave Shea**) and going on a bunch of great cruises in 2011.

In addition to the usual trips to **Petaluma, Benicia and Half Moon Bay**, we've got some other destinations in mind for the coming year: **Angel Island, Clipper Cove, Sausalito and China Camp** are all fantastic spots and they're right in our proverbial back yard—look forward to Saturday evenings on the hook or rafted up.

For those of you with a little more time, we'll be heading up to the **Delta** this summer to bask in the sun and swim in some fresh water. Keep an eye on the **online IYC Calendar of Events** for details on all this and more.

Cruising means something different to everyone, but for me it means challenging navigation; friendly sailing competition, new (or familiar) destinations, raft-ups, potlucks, nights out on the town, and watching the sunset with friends. Come join us!

**From The Galley**  
 By Brendan McKenna, Galley Manager

I'm happy to be starting 2011 as IYC's new Galley Manager! After I helped out on the decorated boat for the Opening Day Parade, **Dave Bloch** asked if I would be interested in helping out in the Galley. I started out with a Friday Night Race barbeque, followed that up with a summer Membership Dinner and continued with the barbeques through the end of the Friday night series.

I would like to know what the members' favorites are, and what has or hasn't been working lately. I have a few ideas for new meals, but don't want to give up on the tried and true favorites. I'll be calling and emailing for your ideas. You can also email me at [bmck1226@yahoo.com](mailto:bmck1226@yahoo.com) to request an old favorite or suggest something new.

I will also be looking for help to get a crew of half dozen regulars (and perhaps a few irregulars) to share the galley duties in rotation. You don't have to be a cook to help out. There is always plenty of planning, shopping, set up, helping out during the event and of course the dreaded clean up. It's not possible for me or anyone else to make every galley event, so the more hands the better.

I would like to thank those who have helped me get to know the ropes since I started pitching in. Past and current Commodores **David Ross** and **Dave Bloch** helped me get started. Bar Manager **Joan Weatherell**, and Bartender **Angelo Chiurato** taught me that the Galley was upstairs and the bar was downstairs. **Speranza Avram** helped me learn the somewhat variable color coding scheme for the Friday Night barbeque entree tickets. **Dawn Chesney, Cindy Wagner, Joel Sailor, Glen Krawiec** and **John Ratto** encouraged, complimented and even helped me out. Treasurer **Jane Brown** promptly reimbursed me for any funds advanced.

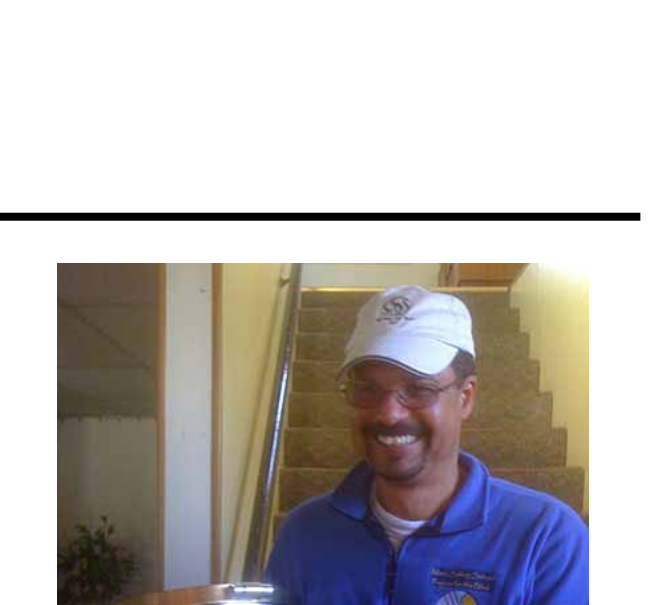
I was just a helper at the great breakfast, lunch and cocktail hour appetizers at the **Women's Sailing Seminar** in October. That event was self-directed by the WSS Committee but I think a special shout out has to go to **Sandra Paz** for her fabulous hors d'oeuvres. Those alone took several hours of set up on Friday night and pretty much all day prep on Saturday. To my friend Michael Hite, and thanks. He helped me out in the Galley all summer. Of course a big thank you goes to **Carolyn**, my wife, who surrendered me to many Friday and Saturday nights and helped me out on several occasions herself. Finally, thanks to new members **Patti** and **Jay Stinson** who did a terrific job of cleaning and sorting out the kitchen, all of the utensils and pots and pans.

The **Change of Watch Dinner** (catered, thank goodness!) and the potluck with guests from **Treasure Island Yacht Club** for the **Lighted Boat Parade** put a nice cap on 2010. More good things to come in 2011 starting with the **Crab Feed** on January 22 and the **Chowder Cookoff** at the February 26 **Membership Dinner**. I'll be there with carapace on for the **Crab Feed** but you Kings and Queens of Chowder will be on your own for the **Cookoff**. I will be out of town for that one. At the January Board of Directors meeting I will present a suggested list of seasonal menus for the rest of the Membership Dinners throughout the year. If you have suggestions, please send them along!

**See you at the Crab Feed! Reservations are due by January 16.** The cost is \$30.00 per person. You can email your RSVP to me or call 415-621-6643. Please send your check to the Island Yacht Club. (We should have PayPal set up before long as well.) Payment in advance rather than at the door is appreciated so we get a good head count for crab order, since the crab is delivered COD the afternoon of the dinner. Cheers and Happy Holidays to all!

**2011 Racing Calendar**

1/9, 2/13, 3/13: **Island Days Estuary Midwinters** Sunday afternoon beer can racing  
 Feb 26: **Sadie Hawkins Woman-Skipped Race** on the Estuary, full crew  
 Mar 26: **30th Annual Doublehanded Lightship** to benefit United Cerebral Palsy  
 Apr-Sept: **Spring & Summer Island Nights** Friday evening beer can racing on the Estuary  
 Apr-Sept: **Interclub Races**  
 July 9: **Silver Eagle Long Distance Race**, Classic Course and Shortened Course  
 Oct 1 & 2: **Northern California Women's Sailing Seminar**, "Capture the Power" with flwater Estuary racing on October 2  
 Nov 6: **Jack & Jill + One** Woman-Skipped triplehanded race on the Estuary  
 Nov 11 thru Mar 12: **Island Days Estuary Midwinters**, second Sundays of each month



You can see the breeze as these boats race to the finish line at LeLo Too (we think) her kite in the background.

**Round Island Tour January 1**

This annual New Years event kicks off at IYC at 9:00 AM with a light continental breakfast and mimosa. Then head out, by water or asphalt, to the other five yacht clubs here on our island!

If you're going by water, the GG Bridge high tide is +6.7 at 0832; low tide is -0.8 at 1533. That should work well for a 0900 start. Come enjoy this fun holiday cruise!



2010 Round-Islanders at Aeolian YC



Sandra Paz doing appetizers for Women's Sailing Seminar 2010

**From George Lythcott, 2010 IYC Sailor of the Year**

Dear Island Yacht Club Members,

I am honored to be named IYC's Sailor of the Year. It is especially meaningful for me because it is bestowed by men and women whom I admire and consider as friends. IYC reminds me of the characterization of the Boston Pub "Cheers"—where everyone knows your name (and where you can be yourself).

I have been sailing for years but it wasn't until I joined the Club that I grew as a sailor. You have encouraged me, supported my efforts, when needed helped me lick my wounds and cheered me when I earned it. I have been able to hone my skills in a friendly yet competitive environment. Your support of my participation in the 2010 Single-Handed Transpac Race is a perfect example. I am honored by this award and by your support.

Thank you so much.  
 George Lythcott  
 (TAZZ!, Sail #8100)



George displays the SSS Three Bridge Fiasco trophy in February 2010

**News from PICYA:**

**Encinal YC to Host US Sailing Race Officer Training Certification Program One-Day Race Management Seminar**

**Saturday January 15, 2011**

**US SAILING** and **Encinal Yacht Club** are sponsoring this seminar on **January 15** at **Encinal Yacht Club** in Alameda. The seminar is designed for sailors who have some race committee experience, although newcomers also are welcome. It will be held in the club's Regatta Room (ground floor) from 0745-1730 hours.

The principal instructor for the day will be **Bill Gage**. He's the US SAILING Area G Race Officer and a certified National Race Officer who has taught numerous seminars and workshops. He will be assisted by John Craig, also a National Race Officer and member of the Board of US SAILING. Larry Westland of EYC's Race Committee will act as the club's host.

**Topics to be covered include:**

- Race Committee objectives, responsibilities, jobs and equipment;
- Sailing instructions, setting the course, starting system, starting penalties, before the start, during the race, finishing and scoring.

At the seminar you'll need your own copy of the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*. If you're a US SAILING member you already should have received a copy. If you're not a member you can either (i) join US SAILING now for \$60 and get a free copy or (ii) purchase one for \$29.95 from the US SAILING Internet site (go to [www.usailing.org](http://www.usailing.org) and click on "Store, Racing Rules"). All participants will be given a copy of *Join the Race Committee Team* at the seminar.

To prepare for the seminar you're encouraged to answer the "Study Questions" available in the association's Internet site at <http://trivium.com/rostdudyquestions>.

The optional Club Race Officer ("CRO") certification test will be given at the conclusion of the seminar; however in order to be certified as a US SAILING CRO, one must attend a complete seminar and pass this test. In addition, to be certified as a CRO, one is required to have a current copy of the *US SAILING Race Management Handbook* and meet the program's other experience-based criteria.

Seminar registration using the US SAILING on-line registration system is encouraged at [http://www.usailing.org/racemgr/Race\\_Officer\\_Prog/seminars.asp](http://www.usailing.org/racemgr/Race_Officer_Prog/seminars.asp). If you have any problems accomplishing this task on the association's Internet site contact US SAILING's **Chris Petracco** of Race Administration 401-863-0400 for assistance.

Please be aware that advanced registration is encouraged as the seminar is limited to 24 participants in order to allow for greater interaction with the instructor and fellow participants.

The seminar fee is (i) \$50 for US SAILING members and non-members who don't take the CRO test or (ii) \$80 for non-members taking the test. This fee includes continental breakfast, morning and afternoon breaks, lunch plus seminar materials. It doesn't include required seminar publications from US SAILING.

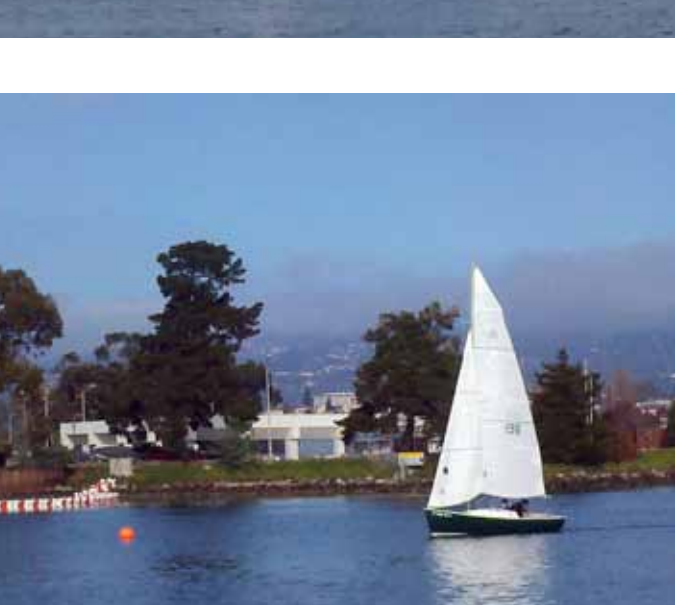
**Seminar Schedule**

0745-0815 Check-in/continental breakfast in the Regatta Room  
 0815 Seminar begins  
 1200-1245 Buffet lunch in Main Dining Room (EYC's second deck)  
 1630 Seminar concludes  
 1640-1710 Optional test (30 minutes)  
 1715-1730 Test results and debriefing

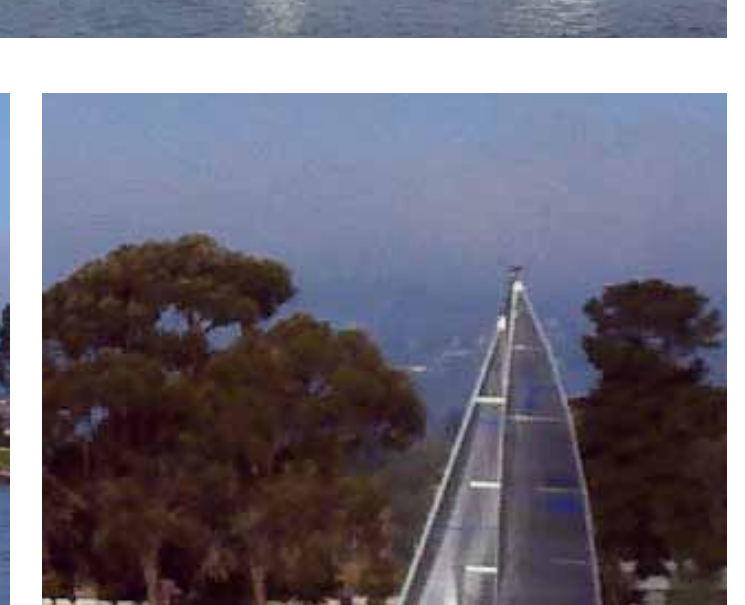
For further seminar information contact the US SAILING/EYC host, **Larry Westland**, at 510-459-5566 or [westland@tricommercial.com](mailto:westland@tricommercial.com).

**PHOTO SECTION**

**Change of Watch Dinner 2010**



Grateful applause for the Encinal High ROTC students who worked hard all night as servers



2010 Commodore David Ross gets a gift of appreciation from the Board (and handed out some of his own right back).



A really good crowd on hand! And then dancing afterward.

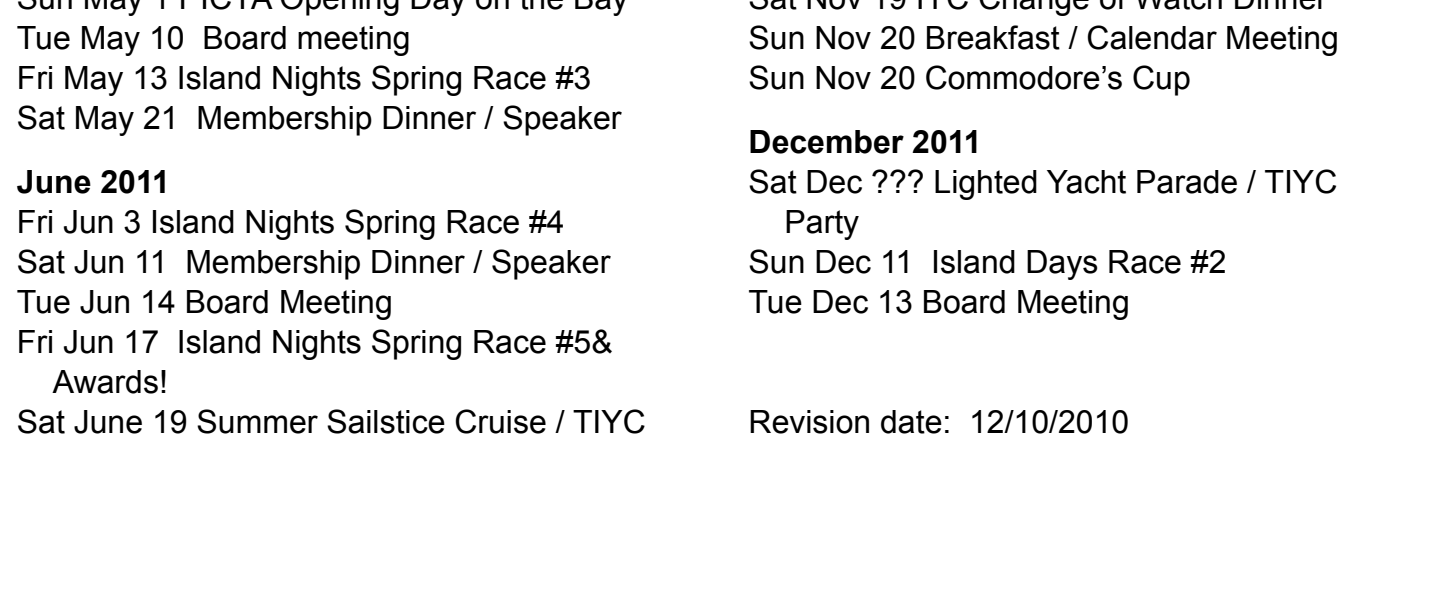
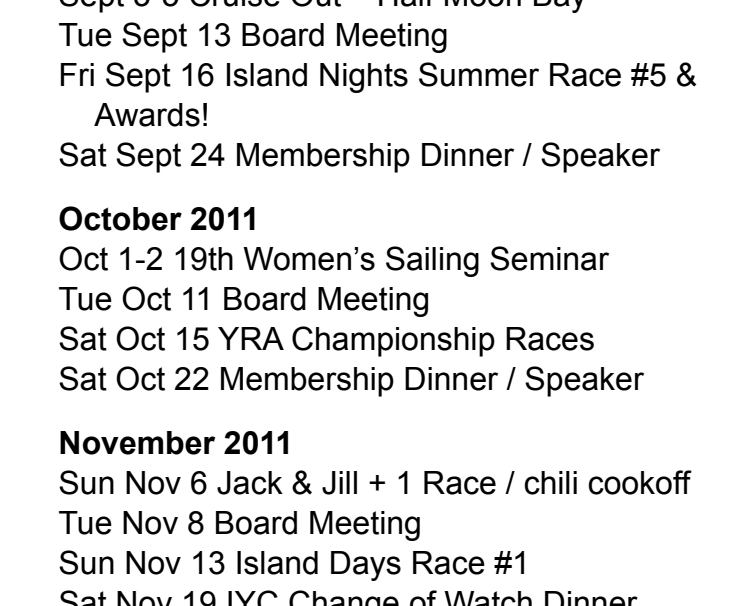


**Commodore's Cup 2010**

The next afternoon, John New on *Wuvulu* went out with Commodore David Ross' *Bodrum* Sunset.



**Island Days #2, December 12**



**January 2011**  
 Sat Jan 1 Around The Island (Alameda) Cruise  
 Sun Jan 9 Island Days Race #3  
 Tue Jan 11 Board Meeting  
 Sat Jan 22 IYC Crab Feed

**July 2011**  
 July 2-4 Cruise Out – Benicia YC  
 Sat July 9 Silver Eagle Race GGYC  
 Sat July 9 Pig Roast with Hobies  
 Tue July 12 Board Meeting  
 Fri July 15 Island Nights Summer Race #1  
 Fri July 15 Island Nights Summer Race #2  
 Sat July 30 Membership Dinner

**February 2011**  
 Sun Feb 6 Super Bowl party  
 Tues Feb 8 Board Meeting  
 Sun Feb 13 Island Days Race #4  
 Sat Feb 26 Sadie Hawkins Race / Chowder Cookoff / Membership Dinner

**August 2011**  
 Tue Aug 9 Board Meeting  
 Fri Aug 12 Island Nights Summer Race #3  
 Fri Aug 26 Island Nights Summer Race #4  
 Sat Aug 27 Membership Dinner / Speaker

**March 2011**  
 Tue Mar 8 Board Meeting  
 Sat Mar 12 Sea Scouts Crab Feed  
 Sun Mar 13 Island Days Race # 5 & Awards!  
 Sat Mar 19 Membership Dinner / Speaker  
 Sat Mar 26 Double Handed Lightship Race @ GYC

**September 2011**  
 Sept 3-5 Cruise Out – Half Moon Bay  
 Tue Sept 13 Board Meeting  
 Fri Sept 16 Island Nights Summer Race #5 & Awards!  
 Sat Sept 24 Membership Dinner / Speaker

**April 2011**  
 Sun Apr 2 Kickoff Breakfast – Planning Meeting for Opening Day Decorated Boat Parade  
 Tue Apr 12 Board meeting  
 Fri Apr 15 Race: Island Nights Spring Race #1  
 Sat Apr 16 Interclub (IYC Race Cmte) South Bay race  
 Sat Apr 16 Membership Dinner / Speaker  
 Fri Apr 29 Race: Island Nights Spring Race #2

**October 2011**  
 Oct 1-2 19th Women's Sailing Seminar  
 Tue Oct 11 Board Meeting  
 Sat Oct 15 YRA Championship Races  
 Sat Oct 22 Membership Dinner / Speaker

**May 2011**  
 Sun May 1 PICYA Opening Day on the Bay  
 Sun May 10 Board meeting  
 Fri May 13 Island Nights Spring Race #3  
 Sat May 21 Membership Dinner / Speaker

**November 2011**  
 Sun Nov 6 Jack & Jill + 1 Race / chili cookoff  
 Tue Nov 8 Board Meeting  
 Sun Nov 13 Island Days Race #1  
 Sat Nov 19 IYC Change of Watch Dinner  
 Sun Nov 20 Breakfast / Calendar Meeting  
 Sun Nov 20 Commodore's Cup

**June 2011**  
 Fri Jun 3 Island Nights Spring Race #4  
 Sat Jun 11 Membership Dinner / Speaker  
 Tue Jun 14 Board Meeting  
 Fri Jun 17 Island Nights Spring Race #5& Awards!  
 Sat June 19 Summer Sailsite Cruise / TIYC

**December 2011**  
 Sat Dec 11 Island Days Race #2  
 Tue Dec 13 Board Meeting

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