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Humphrey Returns

First Place Decorated Sailboat



It was perfect weather for the May 1 PICYA Opening Day Decorated Boat Parade! Warm and sunny, and the very light breeze was welcomed by our boat crew carrying this massive whale out onto the Bay. In this photo you can see *Jabberwock* owner **David Hand**, Rear Commodore and our boat project manager **Thom Mantooth**, and designer/builder of this (and many other) IYC decorated boats **Glen Krawiec**. Also on the parade crew were **Nancy Hird**, **Speranza Avram** and Commodore **Dave Bloch**.

Lots more photos of the construction of our boat are inside this *Mainsheet*! But huge thanks go out to all who worked on building (and dismantling) Humphrey. Besides the folks above, major kudos and thanks to **Sandra Paz**, our artist-in-residence who painted the whale on the large carpet remnants provided by Glen. **David Shea** was on hand much of Saturday helping to hoist the pieces of Humphrey aboard the boat, **John New** unexpectedly returned from the Vallejo trip and put his back into the task as well. (The mounting of this huge "whale sail" was made much more difficult by the 15+knot winds blowing broadside across *Jabberwock* as Glen went up the ladder and the rest of us hoisted and held the pieces, and the ladder, in place.)

Be part of this next year! Easter shifts back to April 8, so there should be no problem putting Opening Day on its usual last-Sunday schedule of **April 29, 2012**. Mark off the Saturday ahead of that so you can help out on building the boat! It's really a lot of fun.

Awards will be given out at the PICYA Awards Dinner on Monday, May 9. Staff Commodore **David Ross**, and possibly Thom as well, will attend and bring home the trophy and prizes to Island YC!

Commodore's Corner

by Dave Bloch

Welcome to spring! Dang, this was a long time coming this year. And I'm happy to say that its arrival just about coincided with **Strictly Sail**, at which IYC had an information booth for the very first time.

Our premiere showing went really well, with lots of folks stopping by, several dozen signing up for information on IYC and/or our epic Womens' Sailing Seminar, and taking a shot at our basketball hoop for a chance at a free dinner! Big thanks go to **Anna Christensen** for organizing this project, and to all the members who gave up parts of their weekend to staff the booth. Hoping that my list is accurate, those thanks go to **Bruce Hasson, Kristen Soetebier, Brendan McKenna, John New, Angelo Chiurato, Dawn Chesney, David Ross, Joan Wetherell, Steve Bayles** and **Speranza Avram**.

The whole weekend was worthwhile for me when a friend of Angelo, **Becky Thom**, joined IYC on Thursday morning! This will be her first issue of *Mainsheet*—Welcome, Becky!

[Late news: attendance this year was up 10% to 12,850! And we picked up a second new member this past weekend who visited us at the booth; a big IYC Welcome to **Jeff and Melissa Grudin!**]

Connected with Strictly Sail are our two **Open House** events at the clubhouse. The first one happened on April 29 at our Island Nights barbecue. The second will be our **May 21 Membership Dinner**. Please make a special effort to come out to

dinner that evening! We'll be Emailing folks who signed up for info at the show, and some of them will come with the Free Dinner voucher they won with our basketball hoop. Come out if you can! Watch Kristen's great **IYCee This Week** emails for information.

We're also just coming off a great **Opening Day on the Bay** celebration. IYC went all out (as we always do) to show off the creativity, skills and spirit of our members. Although we didn't get the "Best Overall" trophy, we deserve to be really proud of our First Place Decorated Sailboat award. Everyone did a great job, and we know it! See the **Photo Section** below for the whole story in pictures.

You'll find a press release in this issue about **Summer Sailstice**. The SF Bay piece of this huge international event has been **moved to Encinal Yacht Club this year**. The Sailstice Website is still being updated, so the info you'll find here is the most up-to-date you can get as of late April. (Check <http://www.summersailstice.com/358> as the event gets closer, but right now most of the info is still from last year at TISC.)

Also coming up: the Petaluma cruise-in over Memorial Day weekend; for info visit <http://www.petalumayachtclub.com>. And lots more *Island Nights* races throughout the summer! Y'all come out and play!

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- Sun May 1 PICYA Opening Day on the Bay
- Tue May 10 Board Meeting
- Fri May 13 Island Nights Spring Race #3
- Sat May 21 Membership Dinner / Speaker & **Open House!**
- Fri June 3 Island Nights Spring Race #4
- Sat June 11 Membership Dinner/Speaker
- Sat June 14 Board Meeting
- Fri June 17 Island Nights Spring Race #5 and **Awards!**
- Sat-Sun June 18-19 Summer Sailstice at **Encinal YC**
- PLAN AHEAD:** July 2-4 Benicia YC Cruiseout



Steve Bayles and Joan Wetherell were among the crew that staffed our booth at Strictly Sail.

Racing Report

By John New, Racing Chair

HI RACE FANS!

The second 2011 Spring *Island Nights* is in the books. The wind was better than the first race with all starters finishing within the time limit. We rigged *Wuvulu* with the 120 jib expecting 10-plus knots, but that was a bit optimistic.

We had 12 boats in the A fleet with the *Wiley Wabbit* *Wadio Active*, correcting out to 4 seconds behind *Twisted the Farr 40*, and all finishers within 11 minutes. The 168 fleet with 4 boats, including Staff Commodore David Ross's *Merit 24* *Faster..Faster; Phantom* took first. The nine boats in the Charlie fleet followed *My Tahoe Too* and *Lelo Two* around the course. *Lelo Two*, with a fresh bottom, even without flying a kite was too fast for *Wuvulu*! The two Ivans returned with *Mojo* in the non spinnaker fleet.

Thanks to Rear Commodore **Thom Mantooth** and **Glen Krawiec** for running the race deck and putting out the marks, **Spe-ranza Avram** for tending bar and Commodore **Dave Bloch** and *Wuvulu*'s **Debbie Ratto** for getting the Galley going. (We also had a father/daughter team on the race deck helping the start; they're buying a boat on that dock; the Race Committee invited them down to the end and put them to work!)

IYC had 3 boats in **The Great Vallejo YRA Race** on Saturday and Sunday. The light wind/strong ebb combination was too much for *Wuvulu* but **George Lythcott's Taz!!**, Vice Commodore **Kristen Soetebier** on *Tiger Beatle*, and Staff Commodore **David Ross** in the Olsen 30 *Lively* made it to the party.



Two photos of this fast start! More pix below in the Photo Section.



2011 Racing Calendar

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 flatwater Estuary racing on October 2

Nov 6: **Jack & Jill + One** Woman-Skippered triplehanded race on the Estuary

Nov '11 thru Mar '12 - **Island Days Estuary Midwinters**, second Sundays of each month

RBOC Alerts

We receive alerts and notices from **Recreational Boaters of California** regarding their advocacy work on behalf of boaters. If you would like to receive these alerts, visit their Website at **RBOC.org**.

There is a **Special Call-to-Arms** posted now regarding the EPA's proposed ban on copper-based anti-fouling paint. Visit **RBOC.org** to download the PDF about this issue.

Summer Sailstice Coming Up June 18 at Encinal Yacht Club

Sailors around the world are making plans to celebrate the sailing lifestyle by getting out on the water for **Summer Sailstice, Saturday, June 18**--the weekend closest to the summer solstice. Started in the Bay Area by *Latitude 38* associate publisher **John Arndt**, Summer Sailstice marks its 11th year with a family-friendly celebration of sailing hosted at **Encinal Yacht Club** in Alameda. The Bay Area is invited to attend this free full-day event. Activities include educational seminars, sailing demonstrations, a boat building competition, sailboat rides for families, entertainment, plus several food and beverage vendors.

Support From a Global Community

In 2010, Summer Sailstice revelers in 50 U.S. states and 47 countries participated in everything from ocean racing regattas, social sails on a lake and family picnics aboard a rowboat, to philanthropic events with organizations such as Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors (BAADS) and Heart of Sailing that takes disadvantaged children out on the water. Read about 2010 events: <http://summersailstice.com/articles/tales/2010/>.

At the local level, a portion of the proceeds raised at the Bay Area Summer Sailstice will benefit **Encinal Sailing Foundation**, whose primary focus is on educational and instructional programs for Bay Area youth. For the third year in a row, Summer Sailstice will also team with and promote **Sailors for the Sea**, a nonprofit organization that educates and empowers the global boating community in protecting and restoring ocean and coastal waters. "Sailors have a natural affinity and concern for waterways. We're honored to help at both local and global levels," said Arndt. "To aid Sailors for the Sea, we're encouraging the maritime community to donate a monetary pledge for each mile sailed over the Summer Sailstice weekend."

Each year underwriting and sponsorship for this, and the many Summer Sailstice events held around the world, comes from generous donations offered by vendors such as Footloose Sailing Vacations, Hunter Marine, West Marine, Hobie, Offshore Sailing, Harken, Woodenboat and more. Said Arndt, "The sailing community truly pulls together to support and encourage this special weekend. Companies donate hundreds of prizes every year that are given away to guests who come out."

For information and to sign up (which makes you eligible to win one of over 400 prizes!) go to <http://summersailstice.com>.



Meanwhile in the Virtual World...

Commodore Dave's avatar Dale is talking with the organizers of **Sail for Life**, a team of virtual sailors doing fundraising events for the **American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Second Life**. Our event, if we can pull it together, will create a **Summer Solstice** event in SL, hopefully getting several hundred boats on those digital oceans to support the Relay campaign. For information on this project that will be run from IslandYC in SL, visit <http://iyc.org/sl> after today (Tuesday May 3) and watch for info on Kristen's great *IYCee What's Happening This Week* emails.



SUPPORT IYC- SHOP AT IYC!

Buy your IYC burgee pin for only \$5 (coming soon; limited time offer)

Make sure you have an IYC Burgee on your boat!

Small Burgees \$25

Large Burgees \$30

Car decals and IYC-ware coming soon!

The IYC Store is OPEN. Stop by any event at IYC or contact Anna Christensen
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PHOTO SECTION

Here's our booth at **Strictly Sail** at Jack London Square in Oakland. Visitors were invited to take a shot at the basketball hoop behind Steve; a basket won a voucher for a free dinner at our April 29 BBQ Open House, or our May 21 Member Dinner Open House events. We got lots of signups for information on IYC and Women's Sailing Seminar, and a brand new member, Becky Thom, joined IYC on Thursday! We've also had another member join, and some interested visitors to the clubhouse as well. So a good weekend for everyone!



Steve Bayles and Joan Wetherell welcomed visitors to the IYC booth. You can see our "win a free dinner" basketball hoop in back, and enticing basket of chocolate in the front.



Information boards and some of our trophies graced our table (but the bowl of candy was probably the biggest draw)



Anna Christensen kayaked in for her shift one day of Strictly Sail. She picked up a collapsible round sail (seen in front of her in the photo) that pops open like a spinnaker to pull you along. She's off for home in this picture.

Opening Day on the Bay Photo Essay

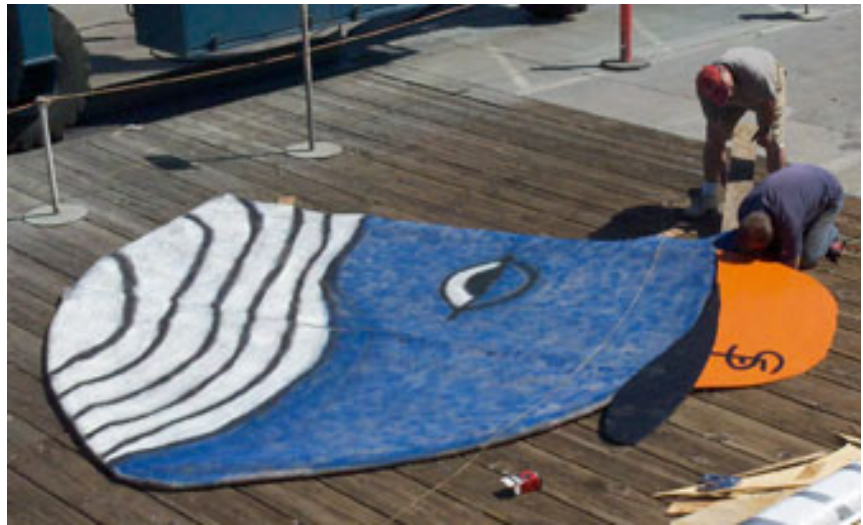
Pictures by Nancy Hird and Dave Bloch



Glen Krawiec and Thom Mantooth inspect the finished Humphrey upstairs in the clubhouse, and figure out how it's all going to get on to David Hand's 37-foot Beneteau Jabberwock.

Saturday morning:

The pieces were brought down to the deck, staples and bracing added, and the Giants cap bolted to the top.



Humphrey's head was hoisted into place with one of the halyards, and screwed or tied to a long 2x4 (and to anything else we could find). The wind is starting to come up; blowing more than 15 knots across the beam.



Much later that afternoon (as the color of the sunlight shows) and we're figuring out how to get the third piece—the tail—on. Dawn Chesney, David Shea, John New and Thom Mantooth appear here.





Dave holds the front end (protecting the dodger), Thom will control the rear, John holds a rope to keep the wind from blowing the tail away, and Glen is about to go up the ladder to screw and tie the tail on.



Early evening now, and Glen, Thom and David Shea add some strengthening to the nose.



Whale Ahoy! Humphrey is up; just signage to be attached to the lifelines and we'll be good to go in the morning!



Sunday morning now, and Humphrey Returns does a photo lap out in the Estuary before heading to the staging area.



The parade staging area is like a huge bumper-car race. Every boat is looking for the ones that will precede it (our number 209 had us looking for 204 (who never came) and 188), while trying not to run into every other boat that is doing the same dance.

A couple of very pretty boats in the Flags and Streamers division.



12 Noon at last, and we're off! We're the first boat in the Decorated Sailboats division, following the power boats.

All the work climaxes here, as we pass close to the PICYA Committee Boat where the judges, VIP's and paying guests are. Wave, swing your signs; give it all you've got. There's Speranza Avram, Nancy Hird and Glen.



The parade continues past Pier 39, and then we head for home!

A couple of hours of motoring brings us back to the marina, and then Humphrey is dismantled and removed from the boat.

(He sure came down a lot faster than he went up!)

Hardware items are kept for next year; the wood and his carpet skin are disposed of.

About 20 hours later we get the word of our First Place Sailboat award.

Nice Job, IYC!

