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PICYA Decorated Boat Trophy Comes Home to IYC

...and that is not an idle boast. Of the twenty brass plates you see on the trophy, EIGHT of them say ISLAND YACHT CLUB. The record is more remarkable when you consider that several of the other years IYC was the winner of the BEST OVERALL award instead. We have this trophy until next spring; a white plaque is ours to keep. *Yes!!*

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JUNE/JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

Fri June 3 Island Nights Spring Race #4
Sat June 11 Membership Dinner/Speaker
Tue June 14 Board Meeting
Fri June 17 *Island Nights* Spring Race #5 and **Awards!**
Sat-Sun June 18-19 Summer Sailstice at **Encinal YC**
~~July 2-4 Benicia YC Cruiseout~~ ***cancelled***
Sat July 9 Silver Eagle Race
Sat July 9 Pig Roast with the Hobie Fleet
Tue July 12 Board Meeting
Fri July 15 & 29 Island Nights Summer Races #1 & #2
Sat July 30 Membership Dinner / Speaker

Commodore's Corner

By Dave Bloch

JUNE here already? Just doesn't seem like it with all the rain, cool temps and high winds even in the mornings. Our weird weather moves across the nation and becomes the tornadoes and storms that have hit the Midwest so hard, so we better not complain too much.

June Membership DInner

REMEMBER that our Membership Meeting is early this month, on **Saturday June 11**. That's so we don't conflict with **Summer Sailstice**. I hope everybody in IYC will head over to **summersailstice.com** and sign up! You'll get your shot at some pretty great prizes, and all you have to do after that is **go out and sail** the weekend of June 18-19. More details on Sailstice elsewhere in this *Mainsheet*.

Summer Sailstice meets *Relay for Life* Inside Your PC

As I mentioned last month, I'm spearheading bringing Sailstice into the virtual world Second Life this year. We've connected with **Sail for Life,** the SL team raising money for the American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life** fundraising campaign. There will be a three-day event with live music (people sing and play from their homes around the world, streaming the tunes live into Second Life) and folks sailing their boats all over. Sail for Life has raised over **$1,500** so far this year (with the major events starting at Summer Sailstice) and Relay for Life in SL is approaching the $150,000 mark!

If you're interested in trying your hand at virtual sailing (the boats respond to wind, currents, sail trim and even other boats around them, so it can be challenging), contact me and I can tell you more. But even if this isn't your thing, you can support cancer research and make a mark for the sailing community by giving a donation through the Sail for Life team! Just go to **http://tinyurl.com/sail4life** and enter any amount from $5.00 up. Hope to see you on the (real) Bay sometime that weekend!

Alameda and America's Cup 34

The City of Alameda has formed an "ad hoc citizens committee" to help plan and coordinate AC34 activities in the Island City. I have been the only yacht club representative at the first two meetings, the rest being primarily business owners and representatives. (Thank You to Nancy Hird for letting the IYC Board know this was happening!) I'm going to summarize here the report that I gave at our May Membership Dinner.

The committee has been mainly in brainstorming mode, talking about what the needs might be and coming up with ideas on how Alameda might fulfill those needs. For example, there will be more **megayachts** coming to the Bay then the area has ever seen before, and the owners need places to dock them. Thousands of cars, RV's, "normal"-sized boats, and hundreds of thousands of people will be coming into the Bay Area and need space and facilities. San Francisco itself will be overwhelmed; Alameda may be well placed (especially with some increased ferry service) to handle some of the overflow. But besides just being "handy," Alameda is also a very family-friendly place, and

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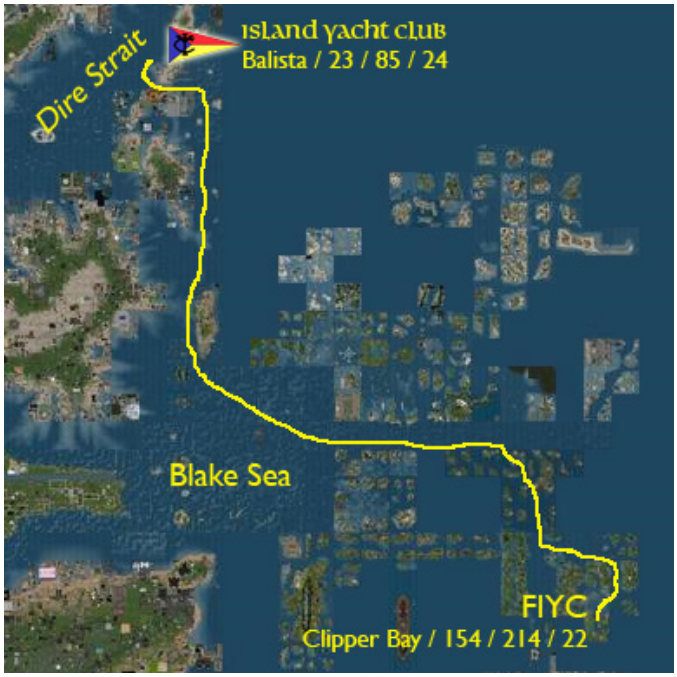
the committee will probably give some real focus to family-related facilities and services.

It is important that all seven Alameda yacht clubs (Metropolitan, Oakland, Encinal, Alameda, Island, Aeolian and Ballena Bay) have the opportunity to be part of this process. To that end, I sent a message to all of them and set up a meeting for Wednesday, June 8. I'll go over the committee's work so far, and try to get some sort of message to bring back to the committee at their next meeting which is the following evening.

I'll keep you informed through our Member meetings and *Mainsheet* as these meetings progress. If they ask for input from sailors (that means YOU), I'll make sure you know how and when to provide it. AC34 is an incredible opportunity for the entire Bay Area; it is also going to impact everything we do on "our" Bay for much of 2 years. Let's make sure we get some benefit that makes the inconvenience more than worth it.

Enjoy the spring; welcome the summer!



The route from IYC-SL to the event at Fishers Island Yacht Club is about three miles. Full directions are at iyc.org/sl.

Summer Sailstice at Encinal YC June 17-19!

This global event starts with the EYC and Oakland docks open at noon Friday, and then dinner at OYC that evening. Next day is a huge schedule of displays and events including seminars, sailboat rides, one-day boat building competion and race *(see article below!)*, food, live music and fun for kids! Come by Oakland YC on Sunday for brunch from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

All the details are at **http://www.summersailstice.com/358/.** And although the festivities are open to anyone free of charge, you can be eligilble for more than 400 prizes by just stopping by the Summer Sailstice Website and clicking **SIGN UP.** Top prize is a $5,000 Gift Certificate from Footloose Sailing Charters in the BVI!

Get out in a boat that weekend!

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.

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

Our May Membership Dinner

By Kristen Soetebier, Vice Commodore

[Editor's Note: Kristen filed this article from her iPhone while motoring somewhere off Montara. Way to go, Kristen!]

Saturday May 21 was our May member dinner. This one was a bit special because it was our final **Open House** during our Spring initiation fee waiver period. Folks who visited our booth at the *Strictly Sail* Boat show were invited to join us, and if they won a free voucher, dinner was on us! One such gentleman, **Drew Aversa**, did take us up on that and joined us! Drew has a family power boat. We hope to see him around more often!

"Hopalong Brendan"—despite his casted ankle—served up one heck of a yummy grilled pork tenderloin meal. It was an absolute marvel to see him busily hobbling around seemingly carefree! Nice job Brendan! Many folks also helped out in the galley, including our evening presenter, **Sylvia Seaberg**.

Sylvia is the **2012 Pacific Cup race Inspection Chair**, and was kind enough to come and present to the club on best practices for ocean sailing, and considerations you might make if you were preparing to race to Hawaii in the Pacific Cup.

We learned about what boat you might like to take, the different sails you might use, type of sailing including nighttime driving, crew considerations, food to have on board, gear requirements, and what happens when you get there. Overall she went over principles to apply whether you ever do the race, or simply to go cruise outside of the Gate.

A good time was had by all. Thanks again to those who attended and those who helped out!

Have an idea for a good presentation topic? Know someone (including yourself) who might want to come present at a club dinner? Don't hesitate to Email Kristen: **ksoeiyc@att.net** .

***Sylvia Seaberg** took us through the preparations for the Pacific Cup, explaining how lessons learned can benefit everyone who sails out the Gate.*

From The Galley

RSVP for June 11 now!

By Brendan McKenna, Galley Manager

I have missed a few events since April because of a broken ankle. Thanks to all who pitched while I was absent!

I was back at half strength for the May 21 Membership Dinner which featured grilled pork loin, grilled potatoes and grilled vegetables. I had lots of help from the usual sources, and from a new one! **Dave, Speranza, Serena** and **Kristin** pitched in getting things set up. Even our speaker **Sylvia Seaberg** sliced vegetables for the grill. Just about everyone got into the act for clean up.

I will be on duty for the Friday Night Races Cook it Yourself barbeques on June 3 and June 17. The **June Membership Dinner** on June 11 is a week early due to Summer Sailstice. **Don't miss this one!** The menu is Grilled Rack of Lamb with roasted potatoes and grilled asparagus. This menu is one of my specialties and quite tasty. A vegetarian option will also be offered along with salad, bread or rolls, ice cream and coffee.

Please reserve early so I get a good count on just how many racks of lamb to buy. Email me at **bmck1226@yahoo.com** or call 415-621-6643.

Galley Manager Brendan McKenna grilling roasted potatoes, pork tenderloin, zucchini and sweet bell peppers. (Remember, the next dinner is **JUNE 11***!)*

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Small Burgees $25

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Car decals and IYC-ware coming soon!

The IYC Store is OPEN. Stop by any event at IYC or contact Anna Christensen akchristensen@hotmail.com

Build a Boat Competition June 18!

Received this press release just today! If any IYC'er would like to put a team together, please call or Email Commodore Dave and we'll see what we can do! 510-978-4192 or ***dave@virtualameda.com***

Sailors around the world are making plans to celebrate the sailing lifestyle by getting out on the water for **Summer Sailstice,** Saturday, June 18 at Encinal and Oakland Yacht Clubs in Alameda; some will even compete in the 4th annual **Build a Boat** competition. "We have returning teams and we're opening a few spots to new contenders wishing to compete in this year's rollicking DIY challenge," said **John Arndt**, founder of Summer Sailstice and *Latitude 38* associate publisher. "Local boat yards, shipwrights, sailing fans and yacht club members with construction skills are encouraged to join the fun!"

Build a Boat Rules and Regulations

Six teams of three people each will work side-by-side for approximately seven hours to build their boats at the festival, then race their craft over a brief course in the Oakland Estuary. **Boats may be rowed or sailed.** Construction materials are limited to a value of $150 or less, and may include wood, plywood, recycled materials. Teams will be reimbursed construction costs up to $150 and may bring and use two power tools.

"I encourage sailing enthusiasts to drum up a little intra-yacht club competition and challenge their neighbors to put together a team, then submit a design for consideration," said Ariane Paul, coordinator of the Build a Boat competition. "The construction zone becomes a major entertainment center as fans, peers and onlookers track progress, cheer and applaud as the boats hit the water and race to the finish line. We're looking for another year of friendly rivalry, creative floating and sleek DIY design. If you're handy with tools and wood and like working on boats, this is the competition for you."

Cree Partridge from Berkeley Marine Center, a co-sponsor for the fourth year, said, "I think it's just absolutely fabulous there's been such an increase in the number of teams. Everybody has a great time doing this. Probably the most fun is actually building the boats. So many people enjoy watching—some with disbelief that the boats actually get completed in time. It's an absolute blast."

Carl Cramer, *Wooden Boat* magazine and co-sponsor for the fourth year, added, "Boat building with kids is a very important mission for us all at Wooden Boat. We love the program in San Francisco."

Kent Stacy, West Marine, said, "In the last few years we've seen the excessive fun builders have doing this competition and we said we had to enter this contest too!"

Contest Judging

The winning entry will be determined by an overall vote count from the judges plus vote count from all members of the teams. Judging criteria shall be based on:

- design
- construction completion by deadline
- viability in the water (finishing race without sinking).

To enter, submit an advance description of boat design plans, plus intended materials, by Monday, June 13 to Ariane Paul: **arianepaul@yahoo.com**, (415) 806-2299.

Call For Volunteers

Not able to build a boat but want to be part of the fun? The Summer Sailstice committee needs volunteers. Contact **summersailstice@encinal.org**.

2010 Build a Boat Contest Photo by Ariane Paul

Decorated Boat Prizes!

Our Opening Day First Place Decorated Sailboat got us some really nice prizes! Most of these (not the trophy or plaques) will get auctioned or raffled to make some money for the Club. (Watch for lots of this to show up at our Women's Sailing Seminar in October.)

Permanent Trophy with our name engraved (keep for a year).

White plaque for the club to keep.

Engraved plaque for David Hand, owner of the decorated boat *Jabberwock*.

SF GIANTS ITEMS
The Giants donated approximately $2,200 worth of logo items to PICYA for prizes.

- "Your SF Giants" bumper sticker
- Topps Baseball card pack (Qty. 2)
- Buster Posey pin (Qty. 2)
- SF Giants baseball cap
- SF Giants fashion cap
- SF Giants scarf

Lots of Giants memorabilia grace our totebags full of prize swag this year.

WINE and related items are always popular prizes:

- "Opening Day" Chardonnay from La Nebbia Winery—Half Moon Bay YC (Qty. 3)
- Bogle Chardonnay—unknown donor
- Cameron Hughes "Lot 212" Chardonnay—unknown donor
- Wine tasting for two—The Winery San Francisco (Qty. 3)
- 6-bottle Trader Joe's wine bag—unknown donor

AND MORE:

- Weekend slip and $10 bar/food credit at Vallejo YC
- Dinner for two at Encinal YC
- Dinner for two and San Joaquin YC
- Wednesday night dinner for two at Benicia YC
- $25 certificate to Aroma Restaurant & Bar
- Great Vallejo Race Gift Bag (Tshirt and cap)--Vallejo YC
- Pier 39 Fun Pack including coupon book, ride tickets, and 2 hours free parking.
- Bay & Delta Yachtsman year subscription
- Community Bay Sail—Modern Sailing School & Club
- Blue tote bag—unknown donor
- Pipkins BBQ towel—SF Giants
- $100 West Marine gift card—Bob & Ellie Usher
- Red logo sweatshirt—South Lake Tahoe YC
- West Marine tote bag
- Nylon "backpack" tote bag—BoatSmarter.com
- 2011 Yachting Yearbook—PICYA
- Heavy nylon tote bag—Boat U.S.

No Racing Report This Month

Racing Chair **John New** has been on a well-deserved vacation for a couple of weeks. Tune in again for the July issue when we'll have the results of the **Island Nights Spring Series!**

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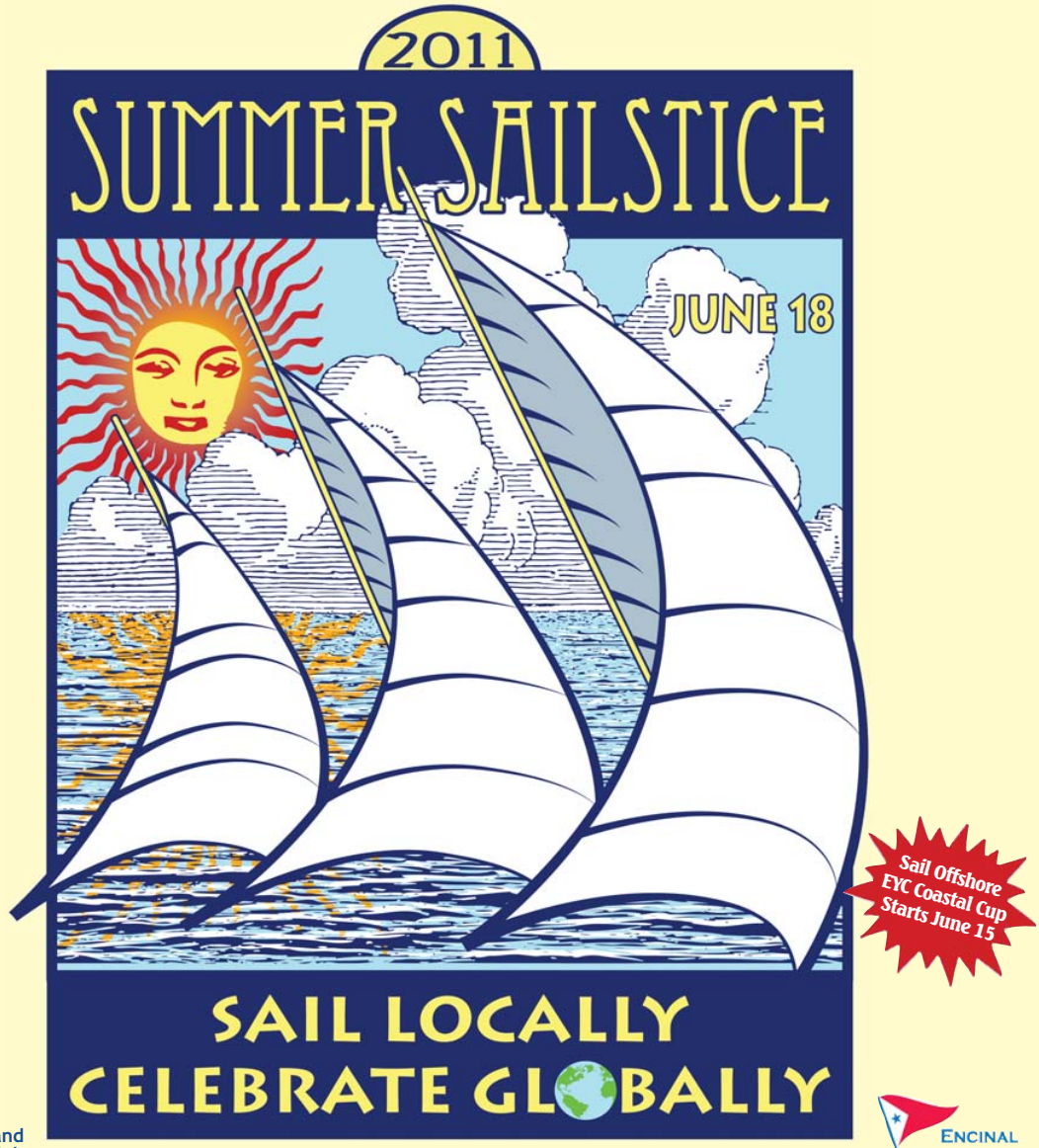

Oakland Yacht Club

Encinal Yacht Club

Saturday • June 18 – Encinal Yacht Club

11th Annual Celebration • 10am to 8pm • Free Admission

- Live Music on Stage
- Food/Beverage Court
- New Sailboat Display
- Sailboat Rides
- Cruisers Raft Up
- Boat Building Competition
- YRA Keelboat Racing
- Youth Activity Area
- Free Seminars
- Sailing Exhibits & Demonstrations

Friday, June 17 .....Cruisers Arrive
Saturday, June 18 ...All day Summer Sailstice Festival
Sunday, June 19 .....Sail home

Benefit for Encinal Sailing Foundation

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