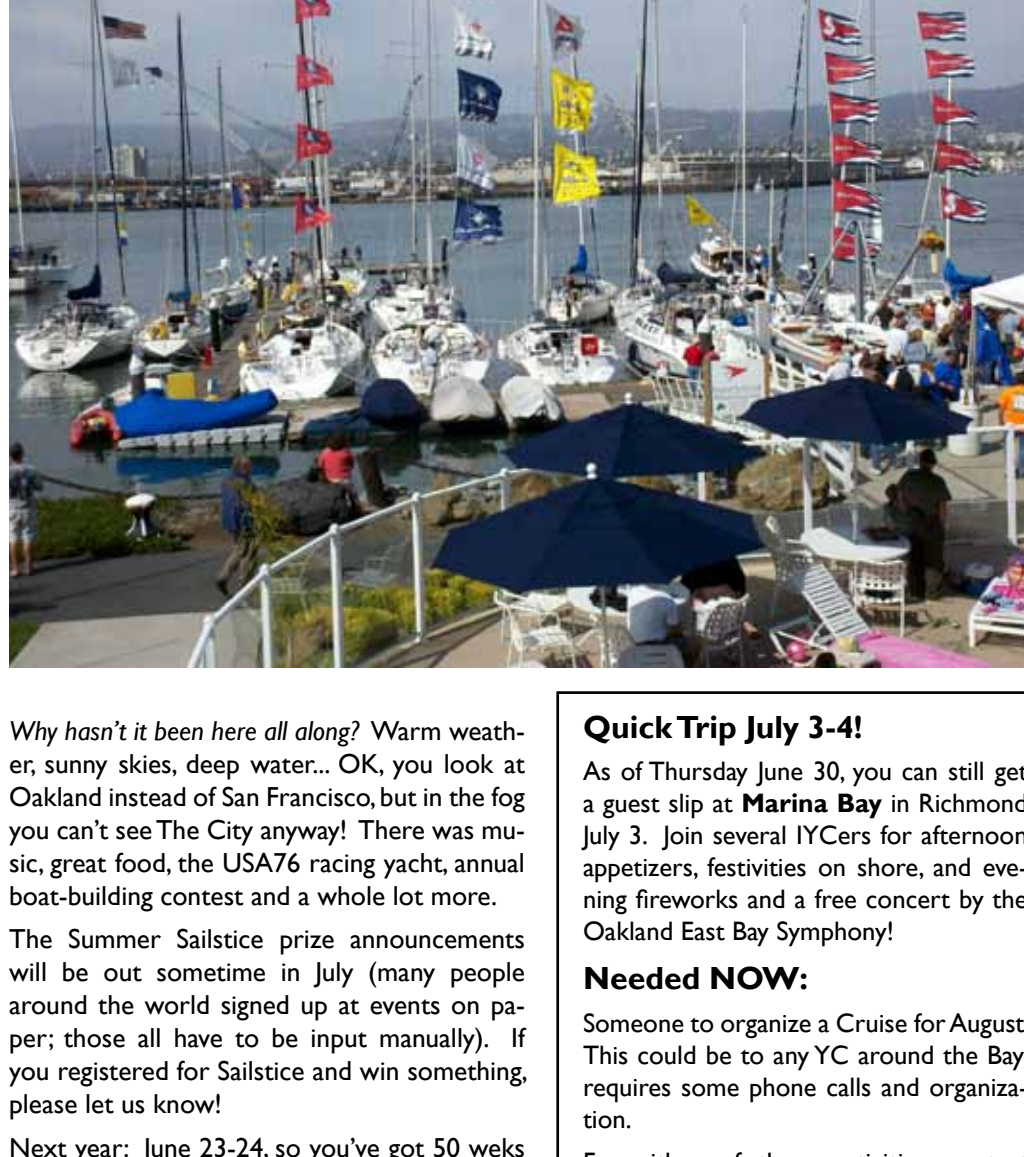


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A Really Pretty Summer Sailstice on the Estuary



Why hasn't it been here all along? Warm weather, sunny skies, deep water... OK, you look at Oakland instead of San Francisco, but in the fog you can't see The City anyway! There was music, great food, the USA76 racing yacht, annual boat-building contest and a whole lot more.

The Summer Sailstice prize announcements will be out sometime in July (many people around the world signed up at events on paper; those all have to be input manually). If you registered for Sailstice and win something, please let us know!

Next year: June 23-24, so you've got 50 weeks to polish up the boat!

Quick Trip July 3-4!

As of Thursday June 30, you can still get a guest slip at **Marina Bay** in Richmond July 3. Join several IYCers for afternoon appetizers, festivities on shore, and evening fireworks and a free concert by the Oakland East Bay Symphony!

Needed NOW:

Someone to organize a Cruise for August. This could be to any YC around the Bay; requires some phone calls and organization.

For either of these activities, contact Commodore Dave: **530-978-4192** or dave@virtualameda.com.

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- Sat July 9 Silver Eagle Race
- Sat July 9 Pig Roast with the Hobbie Fleet (July Membership Dinner)
- Tue July 12 Board Meeting
- Fri July 15 & 29 Island Nights Summer Races #1 & #2
- Tue Aug 9 Board Meeting
- Fri Aug 12 & 26 Island Nights Summer Races #3 & #4
- Sat Aug 27 Membership Dinner/Speaker
- Sept 3-5 Cruise-out to Half Moon Bay

Commodore's Corner

By Dave Bloch

Whew! What a month we've got coming up! And the one that's just ending has been pretty busy too...

EVENTS

Summer Sailstice over at Encinal YC was great fun. Good crowd including lots of families. The **USA76** from America's Cup 33 was there and taking folks out for some short rides in the Estuary. In the meantime, the first Sailstice in Second Life helped raise over \$1,400 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life campaign; it felt good to have the IYC burgee on signs all over the virtual marinas, and to have our name connected with the event!

We've got a **huge** ten days coming up! Although our Benicia cruise-out fell through, we have boats heading over to the **Marina Bay Yacht Harbor** on Sunday July 3 for the Independence Day festivities there. There will be a big fireworks display just outside the marina, a concert by the Oakland East Bay Symphony and lots more. Best Web info seems to be at FunCheap.com; get there with this URL: <http://tinyurl.com/iyc742011cruiseout>

Then the end of that week, get over to the clubhouse for our **July 9 Pig Roast with the Hobbie Fleet**. **Joel Sailer** will be at the barbecue as always, cooking up vast amounts of carnitas and at least a couple of big turkeys. We'll also have sailors coming in from our **Silver Eagle Long Distance Bay Race** which, this year, ends right out front in the Estuary! Please **RSVP to Brendan McKenna** to help us plan quantities! This will be our **ONLY** membership dinner in July, so don't miss this really fun event!

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

The old saying goes "Life is what happens while you're busy making plans," and life has definitely impacted several of our Board members the past few months. Work responsibilities, illness, injuries, and family emergencies have pulled people away from the things they want to do for the club. Other commitments have also reduced the participation in our monthly dinners, which are the best chance for all of us—not just the racers—to get together and enjoy each other.

As Commodore, I really want to see IYC grow; but I'm also very focused on keeping our existing members interested and active, and I want to make sure we're offering everything that our resources allow. If we're missing the boat somewhere, it is very important that the Board knows where that boat has gone so we can get back on it.

I've set up an online survey; this was announced in Kristen's *IYCee What's Happening* weekly Email a couple of weeks ago. We only have nine (9) responses so far, so lots of you haven't yet filled it out! It takes just a few minutes, is completely anonymous, and everyone in your family can do their own. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/iycsurvey> and tell us how we're doing!

THE ROSTER IS COMING!

Our annual printed **Membership Roster** is in the final editing stage and will be printed and available in time for the Pig Roast. We don't mail these out to all our Regular Members (we do send them to Cruising Members who are far away), but they will be at the clubhouse to pick up anytime. If you are nearby but still want one mailed to you, just Email me: dave@virtualameda.com and I'll be happy to send one out.

ALAMEDA AND AMERICA'S CUP 34

The City of Alameda **America's Cup ad hoc Citizens' Committee** has now met three times. At the most recent meeting, it was announced that the City Council officially created us, and we are now subject to the Brown Act (California's "open meeting" law).

The Committee has brainstormed lots of ideas of services and facilities, either existing or imagined, that our island could provide to visitors. At the most recent meeting, those ideas were made into a whiteboard. (I've put the graphic made from this at the end of this *Mainsheet*; but it does NOT read well on the Browser Version. If you would like a clear, printable copy of the graphic, please download the *Print Version of Mainsheet*.

The Committee has that Group Group where all the internal messages and files are stored. That Group will soon be open to the public (our Chair will take care of it as soon as he returns from vacation) and will be viewable at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/ac34alameda>

The **Alameda Island Yacht Clubs** group that was formed to flow information to and from the YC's and the Committee met on June 29. We discussed the materials I received from the committee meetings, as well as a couple of "Scenarios" I wrote for the committee (see these below). We took a look at the beginnings of our combined Website <http://alamedayachtclubs.com> including the All-Clubs Events Calendar. We haven't yet started filling up that page, but we want it to be the central source for all the clubs' events that are open to the public (or to members of other clubs, including those outside our area).

Everyone is excited about the catalytic effects that the AC34 could have in this community and the YC's who call it home! We at IYC all need to look for ideas on what IYC can do, and how we can benefit from the activity and interest focused on the Bay Area in the next two years.

MEANWHILE, IN THE VIRTUAL WORLD...

Our location in **Second Life** adjacent to the **Golden Gate Yacht Club-SL** continues to create some interesting connections and grow our visibility worldwide. GGYC-SL has a new building with the kind of modern, open design that the main AC34 building in San Francisco (that will become the Cruise Ship Terminal) will have. With that modern building right next door, our "boatyard" design (based on our real-life building) needed an upgrade.

The **new IYC-SL clubhouse** has lots of glass, dramatic angles, and a helicopter pad on top. (Don't laugh—a helipad is one of the things that the Alameda AC34 Committee sees as an important requirement for the megayacht set.) The green line on the water is a race start/finish line; many races in our area will now begin and end at IYC-SL.

What's this mean in Real Life? Mainly that sailors and potential sailors from around the world (including around the Bay) have a whole new way of finding out about Island Yacht Club, and if they decide to start looking at a club to belong to, they just might think of IYC first!

Next issue, watch for pics from our July 4 cruise to Marina Bay, Silver Eagle, the Pig Roast, Island Nights, and who knows what else?

Have fun out there! ▶



New IYCers Melissa and Jeff Grudin on board Dream Catcher on Sailstice weekend! Also enjoying the day were Joan Wetherell, Thom Mantooth, Nancy Hird, Speranza Avram and Dave Bloch.



A crowd gathers and asks questions of the crew of AC33-style racer USA76.



Another white-knuckle start of the Great Island Nights series! (This is a beer can race??)



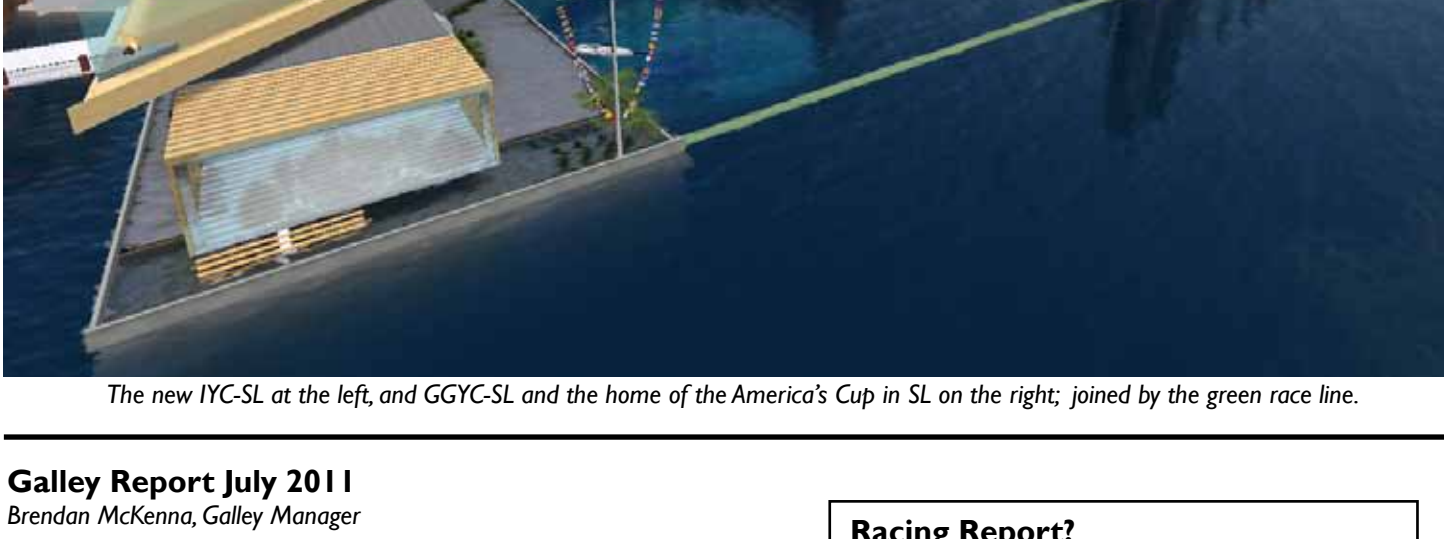
Don't be fooled—these are going to be some serious sailing going on when these little boats from EYC get out on the Bay on Sailstice weekend! (But right now they just look so darned CUTE!)



The Events Calendar page at AlamedaYachtClubs.com



The new home of IYC-SL with the green race start/finish line in the lower left corner.



The new IYC-SL at the left, and GGYC-SL and the home of the America's Cup in SL on the right; joined by the green race line.

Galley Report July 2011

Brendan McKenna, Galley Manager

The **June 11 Membership Dinner** which included an 8 Bells ceremony for **Rui Luis** was one fine meal on a beautiful evening on the estuary. **Carolyn**, my wife, stepped up as chef d'barbecue and cooked the lamb racks to perfection. That's no mean feat since the fat from lamb tends to flare quite vigorously when first put to the flame! Carolyn and our dear friend **Susie Shah** (visiting from New York) simply did what needed to be done (without calling on the Coast Guard or Alameda Fire Department) to bring the racks to the steamers perfectly cooked to medium rare. There were a few racks still *ba-ba-bahing* for the grill carnivores and it was not a problem to throw a rack back on the grill for those who preferred the lamb well done. Many thanks to Carolyn and Susie.

Not only did Carolyn grill all the lamb, she also grilled the fresh asparagus to "no leftovers" perfection for all tastes. With such talented assistance at hand I confined myself to fussing around with the mint jelly, oven roasted potatoes, bread, salad, ice cream and coffee. Lots of help from many club members there, too!

There was a great turnout for the June 17 **Spring Island Nights Friday Night Races Series** wrapup and awards. Lots of "skippers" burgers, chickens and steaks went on the grill by skippers, their crews and friends. My friend **Michael Hite** pitched in to help as did many other club members and guests to help set up and clean up.

July brings the annual **Pig Roast with the Hobbie Fleet**. Members are encouraged to attend on **Saturday July 9** as this will be to **only full meal in July**. Because of the calendar, sailing and personnel demands of the **Silver Eagle Race** and the **Friday Night Summer Series Race** on July 29, the **July 30 Membership Dinner** has been cancelled.

Because your Galley Manager will be vacationing and sailing his Thistle "Shillelagh" on the choppy waters of the Lake Erie Islands (for which she was designed) in mid July, **volunteers are needed for the Saturday July 9 Pig Roast and the Friday Night July 15 first Race of Summer Series**. Please call me at 415-621-6643 before July 8 or on my cell 415-265-6612 from then through the 14th if you can help out. You can also email me bmcki226@yahoo.com or contact Commodore Dave to volunteer.

The cook-it-yourself BBQ's on Friday night are relatively easy with little clean-up. The Hobbies give us a lot of help with the Pig Roast, but club presence is important! And don't forget to see if you can help out on Friday July 15. The BBQ's are a lot less work than the membership dinners since the racers and their crews and guests do the cooking. You will also be dealing with pretty much all fresh ingredients since we exhausted all the supplies except for a steak or two and a few burgers.

I'll be back for The Friday July 29 Races and all August events including the Saturday August 27 Membership Dinner. For that meal I am thinking of a **well seasoned tri-tip on the grill**, but I am always open to suggestion and helpers. Veggie dish will not be simply lasagna.

Thanks to **Bar Manager Joan Wetherell** who bought me a snappy blacker chef's jacket. I am looking into getting the IYC logo embroidered above the breast pocket and on the matching "sushi" cap. Many colors and styles are available for dedicated volunteers.

Volunteering in the Galley is lots of fun and very rewarding. Not all of us have the time or inclination to earn our chevrons or stars on the water or by being officers of the club. Join me for the fun of serving up great meals to our members and guests and earn an IYC embroidered chef's apron or toque! We are an all-volunteer club, and where- and whenever you can volunteer is helpful. The galley may look tough but it is actually not that hard. It can actually be a lot of fun and is a great way to get to know other members.

There is nothing like a happy smile and a well fed "Thank You" from a fellow member or guest to validate your effort!

Bon Appetit! ▶

Racing Report!

As we go to our digital press, Race Chair John New is offline for a few days, so no report in this *Mainsheet*. Watch the **IYCee This Week** email newsletter for information on July race events, and check the Racing page of our Website for NOR and Sailing Instructions for the Silver Eagle.

<http://iyc.org/racing.html>

Get back on your feet soon, John!

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

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