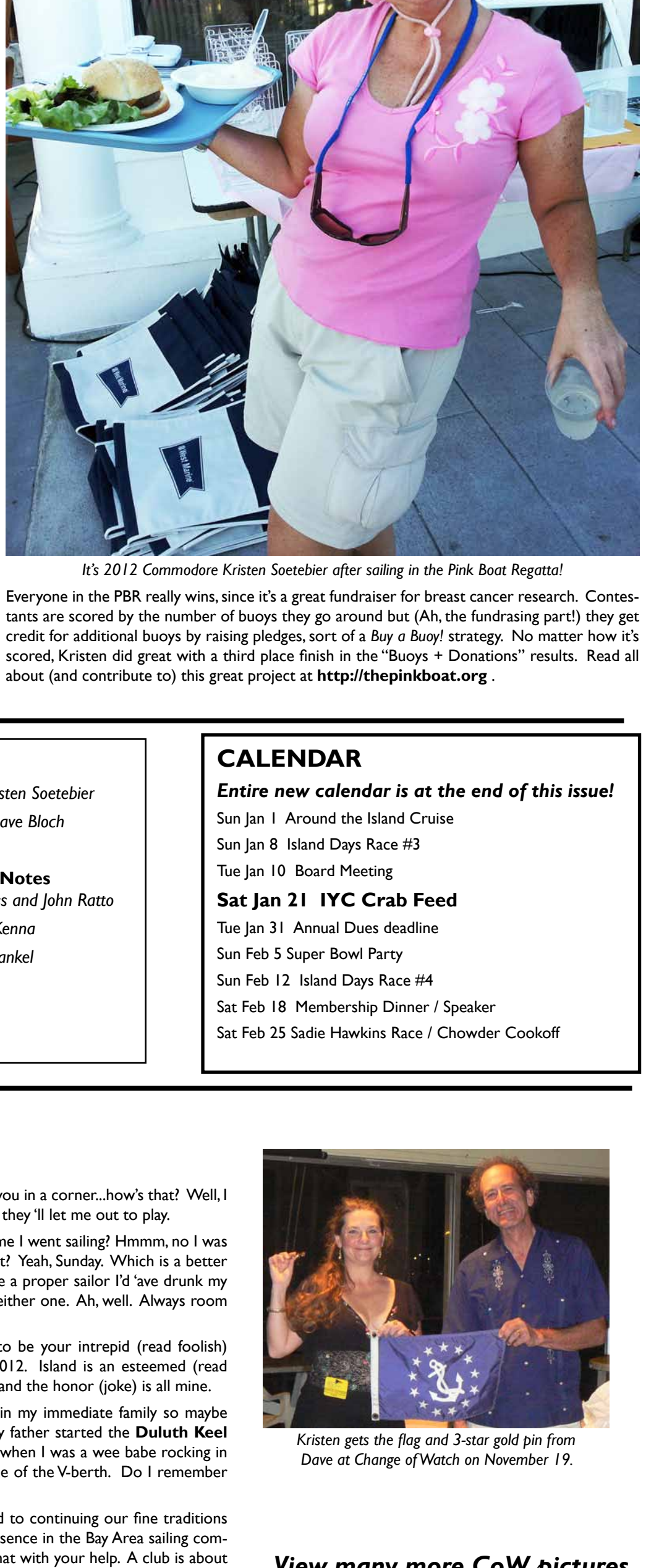


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## New Year, New Officers for IYC!



It's 2012 Commodore Kristen Soetebeier after sailing in the Pink Boat Regatta! Everyone in the PBR really wins, since it's a great fundraiser for breast cancer research. Contestants are scored by the number of buoys they go around but (Ah, the fundraising part!) they get credit for additional buoys by raising pledges, sort of a Buy a Buoy strategy. No matter how it's scored, Kristen did great with a third place finish in the "Buoys + Donations" contests. Read all about (and contribute to) this great project at <http://thepinkboat.org>.

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- Sun Jan 1 Around the Island Cruise
- Sun Jan 8 Island Days Race #3
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- Tue Jan 31 Annual Dues deadline
- Sun Feb 5 Super Bowl Party
- Sun Feb 12 Island Days Race #4
- Sun Feb 18 Membership Dinner / Speaker
- Sat Feb 25 Sadies Hawkins Race / Chowder Cookoff

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## Commodore's Corner

By Kristen Soetebeier

Become Commodore and they stick you in a corner...how's that? Well, I figure I'll introduce myself and maybe they'll be easier to play.

Let's see... Do I remember the first time I went sailing? Hummm, no I was in the words... Do I remember the first Yach Sunday? Which is a better indicator of my seamanship? If I were a proper sailor I'd've drunk my first pint of rum and not remembered either one. Ah well. Always rum for me.

So I am thrilled (read freaked out) to be your intrepid (read foolish) leader for the fine vintage year of 2012. Island is an esteemed (read weathered) institution in these parts and the honor (joke) is all mine.

Well, I am the second Commodore in my immediate family so maybe there's a bit of this sea in me yet. My father started the Duluth Keel club, now Duluth Yacht Club in 1969 when I was a wee babe rocking in a handmade cradle sling in the crevice of the V-berth. Do I remember that either? Nah.

But in all seriousness, I look forward to continuing our fine traditions and maintaining our distinguished presence in the Bay Area sailing community and I hope to be able to do that with your help. A club is about its members and I think we have some of the best. So do not hesitate to be in touch about things you'd like to see, things that are going well or things that aren't. I'll certainly see what I can do, if I remember...)

So laissez le bon temps rouler, I'm sure we'll have a great year!

Commodore Kristen

## From the Editor's Desk

By Dave Bloch

Here we go with our very first post-Commodore Editor's Desk column! It's great having a "Commodore's Corner" up above my article, and you get two stories to read instead of one. Welcome to the top of MainSheet, Commodore Kristen!

This is also the first issue of our newsletter published entirely on the water! MainSheet took a hiatus in November as Speranza and I finished moving out of our duplex and into our new 1998 Hunter 410. We've been rockin' and rollin' here for two months now (today, with 20 knot winds bouncing me in my stand-up floating office. I mean that literally).

So far, living aboard has worked out just fine. Speranza has 80% of our clothing storage space since she actually has to go out into the big world of work every day. I'm rapidly learning about the many systems on this boat, from heads to furnace to fridge. We finally got to actually sail our new home last weekend when Jack and Debby Ratto headed out with us for a shakedown cruise.

"Shakedown" is literal here, too. This was where we found out what the boat would be like to live on before leaving the dock. For example, although I did a good job clearing my desk top and tying down the PC, printer and monitors, I forgot about the keyboard and mouse hiding underneath on the keyboard drawer. First they port and they both fell off, hanging from their cables. A few other items went flying as well, but overall we did fine.

After making fun at first of our boat's name ("...better than Sinks like Rock"), we now come to embrace the larger meaning of being "buoyant": getting rid of 90% of everything we've owned for decades makes us a lot lighter; maybe a lot fatter. We'll be exploring that and writing about it online, so visit our site at <http://buoyantliving.com> and let me know what you think.

## America's Cup Moves Forward

I headed down to San Diego for a couple of days, and wearing a couple of hats. I had a limited Media Pass as the Editor of this very publication. Although I was not permitted to enter the Media Center itself (big room with cables, AC outlets and WiFi), a good friend and a little outzaph got me onto one of the media Zodiacs back just after noon. This was amazing, especially on Tuesday. Since this was just practice, our driver could get as close as he dared, and that was really close. Take look at the photo of the China Team near this paragraph; was not able to zoom way in because of our own movement. We're CLOSE to those guys.

I also went down in my role as a member of the City of Alameda AC34 Citizen's Advisory Committee. I was able to talk briefly with members of three of the teams, letting them know that Alameda exists and (especially) that we have some great facilities out on Alameda Point for team bases. The AC72 catamarans will be built here in the Bay Area, and bringing a team on to our island for a race would be a nice boost in exposure. I also had a few minutes face-to-face with the Media Director of the AC organization, impressing on her a couple of real needs that we (and other communities) have so we can promote ourselves without violating their very strict copyright and trademark restrictions.

I also wanted to experience a bit of the audience experience. If you go down to one of these races, what do you actually see and hear?

The answer is plenty. These events are choreographed for television and the public. In San Diego the final leg of each race is done parallel to the shore, maybe 100 feet away. San Francisco's layout will do that as well; the race course is a long, thin oval squeezed as tightly against the shoreline as practical. (The AC72 courses will go farther out; those boats need longer courses more space to maneuver). The races are short—18 to 36 minutes each—to prevent the sailors from becoming exhausted. Dozens of cameras, mounted on helicopters, powerboats, the catamarans, and even on some of the sailors, provide every conceivable angle and the live television signal is shown on huge jumbotron screens. I was especially impressed by the announcers, who explained everything going on at a level that required little or no sailing background to understand.

This will be a great event. I hope our club will get involved with the other clubs around our island in helping to ensure that visitors to the AC have a great time and return to us again.

## Change of Watch and Commodore's Cup

What a week last week! At Island Yacht Club the task of organizing the Change of Watch Dinner falls to the outgoing Commodore, so there were lots of details to attend to. Thank you to everyone who helped out, and special thanks to chef Trevor Yamamoto who did a great job bringing my vision of a gourmet Mexican dinner experience to the table.

There was so much to try and say to the group before handing the stars and flag over to Kristen. Most important was thanking everyone who did so much to make this year a successful one. And it was good to give our awards for Most Improved Sailor to Cindy Wagner, and Volunteer of the Year to Perennial Race Committee officer David Hand.

I got to do one special award as well, to Joan Wetherell as she retired from fifteen years as IYC's Bar Manager. That's really amazing dedication, and really models what makes a volunteer club work so great. Sandra Paz will not be in charge of the bar and new member Jim Finst has stepped up to help out as well. If you're interested in bartender training, give Sandra a call!

Finally, my parting shot, the Commodore's Cup race on Sunday. I sent 4 boats out on the Estuary doing what I call "Grass Valley Rules;" the boats would head for Jack London Square and, whenever the first boat rounded the buoy, every boat would turn around right where they were and head back.

To add the weatherman's prediction for the rains ending by noon were so terribly wrong! About fifteen minutes out, I looked out of the galley window to see rain, then more rain, and then a deluge. Our races were out in possibly the heaviest rain of the season.

But they all made it back safely, stretched out from about 52 minutes total to around 75. Here's the results: **Thank You** to all those who participated!

**First:** Mull's Magic. John Ratto (skipper), Debby Ratto, John New, Jim Leontis

**Second:** Foster Foster. David Ross (skipper), Javier Jerez, Jim Leontis

**Third:** Messing About. Doron Paz (skipper), Spencer Avram, Kristen Soetebeier, John Finst

**Fourth:** Starshine. David Shea (skipper), Glenn Krawiec, Thom Mantooth

## Racing Report

By John New, Race chair

The 2011 Fall race season is off and running. I've been relegated to the back of helping at the club since the back thing kept me off the boat most of the time.

The Island Days race lumbered out was the typical nail-biter with almost everyone signing up if the day, **Thom Mantooth**, **David Ross** and I were wondering if there would be any divisions at all. And it was suddenly got 25 boats or so, enough for four divisions!

Wawulu was out with me at the helm and the Rattos and Devon Hand for crew. The engine switch wasn't working so we needed **Rob McFarland** to help warp us out of the slip; we made it to the start about five minutes late but were able to catch up to the non-spin boats and even pass Lelo Tido who was saving her spinaker to finish in the middle of the fleet. Out-sider was first across the line and wanted to go around the again; they were corrected out by **Dan Pruzan's** Express 27.

There was some discussion between Mike's Columbia 5.5 and the Alerion when Mike had to restart in Division C and our new member Christin took first in Div D in her Santana 22 Kiten.

The Commodore's Cup win had the boats sailing in a southerly reach to the Jack London mark and returning in a heavy rain squall. The Ratto's Mull's Magic eked out a win over David Ross's Foster Foster with S's borrowed from the patented Gold Country Yacht Club race rules where all boats turn around when the first boat rounds the weather mark.

Jack and Jill had a good turnout with 5 boats; Foster Foster insisted on starting twice.

## Notes from the Commodore's Cup Sailors

From David Ross:

On Foster Foster: were two non-members: Javier Jerez (known by some at the club) and Jim Leontis (known only to me, with respect to the club). Was dry when we launched and hauled, but did get a good soaking out of the water. We were the first boat to reach the turn-around mark at Jack London Square; I played right into cove Ratto's hands by using an old (circa 1969) spinaker that he gave me - he took first in non-spin, and first overall! Wisdom and age beat youth and vitality. I believe we took first in spin though.

John Ratto notes:

The big wind shift after Foster Foster rounded the mark kept them from carrying their spinaker back and that's what enabled me to squeak out a 1 or 2 boat length win.

## Galley Report

By Brenda McKenna, Galley Manager

The Island Yacht Club ended the year's Membership Dinners with the Change of Watch on November 19. This is always a pleasure for me and my helpers since it doesn't have to set up, serve or clean up. More important is that the many members and guests assembled for the evening really enjoyed the delicious meal of specialty Mexican dishes prepared and served by our frequent caterer and friend Trevor Yamamoto. The meal, featuring *Comarones a Molo de Ajo*, was a hit with the sailors and the new member Jim Finst had stuffed eggplant introduced to me a first, but those who took a chance and dug in enjoyed a real treat! And the *Paste de Tres Leches* dessert cake was, literally, the icing on the cake.

We did a few Mexican standards down at the bar during cocktail hour. Joan Wetherell had laid in a good supply of margarita mix, tequila and a few bowls of fresh salsa. The new member Jim Finst had stepped up to help out as well. If you're interested in bartender training, give Sandra a call!

Looking forward to 2012, I will be staying on as Galley Manager and will continue with meals tied to the season. The schedule is also favorable and easy to remember, since all the Member Dinners will be held on the third Saturday of the month. Our officers and racing planners managed the schedule so there are no conflicts to throw the schedule off. There will also be only a few Member Dinners that immediately follow a Friday Night Race next year; my volunteers and I appreciate that.

As always we start off with the **Crab Feed on Saturday January 21**. It is never too soon to make reservations for this event and I will be in charge of the bar and new member Jim Finst has stepped up to help out as well. If you're interested in bartender training, give Sandra a call!

## Pink Boat Regatta

By Janet Frankel

[Editor's Note: Janet sent this Email with her photos, and I can't edit this without destroying her delightful first-person style. Read and enjoy.]

I've attached some photos from the Pink Boat Regatta, held October 23. I don't have photos from on-the-water because I was busy sailing! On the crew were Lucie Dawn Chesney, myself, John Orser, Kristen Soetebeier, and Ben and YCers Mewes.

Lucie organized us, my friend Kathryn helped with transport, and Tony and Ben were in charge of the bar and new member Jim Finst had stepped up to help out as well. If you're interested in bartender training, give Sandra a call!

Conditions were mild to light to no wind, with some inky currents and "jumping-up water;" enough boats to make it interesting but not too crowded in the sails, and gallons of sunshine. There were the perfect conditions for our group; we were hot to learn to sail, and they were along for the ride and for the cause. We flew the asymmetrical spinaker with only one small spaghetti tangle on the foredeck.

The whole event was organized to raise money for breast cancer. Pink hats and shirts were sold at the Corinthian, and everyone showing up wearing as much pink as possible. As you might imagine, the intention of all concentrated in one spot was joyous. Everyone had a good time.

## PHOTO SECTION

Jack & Jill + 1 Race (mostly from Dave's cell phone)

