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April 2011

PICTURE OF THE MONTH:

Port captain Ray McEneaney and his beautiful wife Dori enjoying a tune during Mardi Gras.

Photo by Mike Fordyce



APRIL EVENT REMINDERS

4/6 Wednesday Beer Can Race

Racing season begins! 1800 Start

4/15 Cruise-Out Oakland YC

Don't drive to the boat show, sail with your shipmates.

4/16 Cook Your Own Dinner

Enjoy steak or salmon and welcome the California Cruising Clippers

4/16 Safe Boating Class

Carquinez Sail & Power Squadron is offering a basic boating safety class

4/23 VYC Opening Day

A VYC Tradition including the blessing of the fleet, poker run and ducky derby race

4/30 The GREAT VALLEJO RACE!!

★★★ COMMODORE'S REPORT



We have received many requests to replace the couches that we had in the bar area, in years past. So you will notice a new addition to the bar area by the fireplace. I hope you enjoy the new couches.

Learn To Sail bought a new Cal 20 Keel boat for lessons. Mike Farrell the previous owner lowered the price dramatically when he heard that it was to be used for such a good cause providing lessons for new boaters. We hope to see him about the club as our quest and would like everyone to Thank him for his generosity.

We are in need of volunteers for Opening Day on the Bay participants (same day as Great Vallejo Race) if we are to get our CODY points. With out these points we will not make "Club Of The Year". Please contact myself or Maggie Sabovich if you are able to participate.

We would like to Thank Robbie Gabriel for hosting the Mardi Gras event & Phyllis Manoogian for the Jiggs Dinner. Members have come to enjoy both of these yearly events.

April will be a very full month with two dinners, one on April 9th which includes Solano Yacht Club & one on April 16th which will include the California Cruising Clippers.

On April 23rd we have our own "Opening Day and on April 30th "THE GREAT VALLEJO RACE" weekend.

Hope to see you at the upcoming events and beginning of our Boating Season.

Brian Liddle, Commodore

★★ VOICE OF THE VICE



It's been a very wet winter and here's hoping for some sunshine soon. Pam and I have been resealing the windows on our boat and drying it out. Whoever said boats were a lot of work was right.

Our Rear Commodore Manny is working hard on getting things ready for Opening Day April 23rd so, lets all be there to help bring in the opening of our boating season.

Thank you to Commodore Brian and his wife Lynn for the new couches they had installed in the bar. They really make the bar area more appealing. If you haven't seen them come on down grab a drink and sit by the fire. It's a great conversation area.

The Great Vallejo Race is coming into shape. We have all the permits and everything seems to going well. This year we will be doing part of the party outside in a 40'x 80' tent. That's where the food, music and dance floor will be. We will have a bar and plenty of seating and heat if needed. Don't forget to be there Sunday morning for the Pancake Breakfast, there will be good food and a recovery station for those that partied a little hard the night before.

Jim McCarthy has procured stands that will be down at the start finish line for viewing of the racers finish on Saturday and the start on Sunday. Also we have a D.J. that will be playing music most of the day until the headliner (Eric Stone) starts at 8pm. If you can volunteer to help there will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board soon.

See you at the club,

Vice Commodore, Jim Glenn

★ REAR REPORT



Vallejo YC opening day is April 23, 2011. Please see the bulletin board for all info and please sign up for the dinner!

YRA is on its way!!! Jim has been hard at work getting this event together, my hat off to all who have done this event in the past!

Lets welcome Solano Yacht Club on April 9th for their cruise in.

Thanks to Brain & Lynn for the great couches in the bar area. Special thanks to Gail Hall for all the work she has put in with the new members, She attends all the meetings, contacts the new and prospective members, follows thru! What a woman ;-)

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Vallejo Yacht Club Functions!

Keeping it wet
Manny Lorenzana



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The Great Vallejo Race
Presented by **West Marine**
April 30th & May 1st, 2011
Hosted at **Vallejo Yacht Club**
With music by the **Eric Stone Band**
&
Food provided by **Gracie's Bar-B-Que | Nellie's Oysters | La Prima PIZZA**
For more information about the event, visit <http://vallejorace.vyc.org/>

VYC EVENT CALENDAR APRIL AND MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 SOMIRA General meeting 5:30pm - 8:30pm	5	6 VYC Ochs Family Perpetual Beer Can Race #1 Ladies Card Game/ Bluegrass Jam 12-3 PM	7 Carquinez Sail and Power Squadron Monthly Meeting Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg.	8 Welcome Solano YC Happy Hour 5:30-9 PM	9 #2 Cal Maritime Academy (NBC #1) BBQ Dinner! Vessel-Safety Check 10:00am to 4:00 pm
10 Vessel-Safety Check 10:00am to 4:00 pm	11	12 Board of Directors Meeting 7-9	13 VYC Ochs Family Perpetual Beer Can Race #2 Ladies Card Game/ Bluegrass Jam 12-3 PM	14 Coast Guard Auxiliary	15 April Birthdays Happy Hour 5:30-9 PM Cruise Out Weekend—Oakland YC Welcome CA Cruising Clippers	16 Cruise Out Oakland YC Cook your own dinner (steak and Salmon) VYC at Vallejo Farmers Market Boat Safety Class by Carq. Sail & Power Sqd. 9am to 4:pm
17 Cruise Out Oakland YC Boat Safety Class by Carq. Sail & Power Sqd. 9am to 4:pm	18	19 Speaker Series 6:00pm to 8:00pm	20 VYC Ochs Family Perpetual Beer Can Race #3 Ladies Card Game/ Bluegrass Jam 12-3 PM	21	22	23 VYC Opening Day!
24 Easter Sunday	25	26	27 VYC Ochs Family Perpetual Beer Can Race #4 Ladies Card Game/ Bluegrass Jam 12-3 PM	28 General Membership Meeting 7:30—9:00	29	30 The Great Vallejo Race!!
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8 Mother's Day	9	10 Board of Directors Meeting 7-9	11 VYC Art Campbell Perpetual Beer Can Race #2 Ladies Card Game/ Bluegrass Jam 12-3 PM	12 Coast Guard Auxiliary	13	14 VYC Brothers Race Learn-to-Sail Classes (Beginner's Session 1) 9:00am to 3:00pm

Mark and Julie Tie the Knot!



You never really know who you could end up meeting during a beer can race especially, when you're not looking. About a year ago, Mark Bauder had been a club member for 5 years and Julie Kay was on her 4th year as a member. Neither Julie or Mark had laid eyes on each other until being asked to Crew during a beer can race on *SV: Somewhere in Time*. As they continued to race through the season, they stayed at "arms length" until, Mark broke down and invited Julie to watch a football game and then, another football game and a few more after that. They became comfortable talking about football and then, Mark pulled out his guitar. They were married at VYC with their shipmates and family attending on March 26, the first day of spring. Congratulations to Mark and Julie!



George Hale III, Chris Mendonca,
Mary Kraybill



Tom Ochs, Julie Kay-
Bauder, Gail and Mark
Bauder



Commodore Brian Liddle and
other club members



Toni Borges, Margot MacKerrow, and
Liz Lorenzana



Cory Whitecotten's partner,
Chriss Costa and
Liz Lorenzana



THANK YOU from Julie and Mark to:

- ◆ Tony Spinetti, Brian & Lynn, Tom Ochs, Alba Lew, Manny (photo's) & Liz and all for helping set-up, etc.
- ◆ Food: Lita Karuzas., Bruce & Gail Sinclair & Alba Lew!
- ◆ Bartending: George Hale III, Mary Kraybill and Chris Mendonca

Thanks to all who shared our day and helped to make it so special!



POWER SQUADRON HAS LONG HISTORY OF SERVICE TO BOATERS



The Carquinez Sail & Power Squadron was formed in 1961, and the Vallejo Yacht Club has very kindly offered us a home ever since. The local squadron is one of approximately 450 that make up the United States Power Squadrons [CQ: Squadrons, not Squadron]. USPS has approximately 42,000 members in squadrons across the nation, and there is even one in Tokyo. Wherever members travel, they always have a ready source of information and nautical camaraderie.

The first power squadron was formed at the Boston Yacht Club in 1914, at a time that engines were first coming into use on pleasure craft. Yacht-club members felt that special training was needed for this innovation. Other yacht clubs followed suit, and inde-



U.S. Power Squadron Meeting at Astor Hotel. J.J. Rafferty 1952 Photo Credit: NOAA Central Library Historical Imagery

pendent squadrons also started to form.

The name of the organization is sometimes misleading. While in the early days power vessels were the focus, today boaters of all stripes - power, sail, personal watercraft ... pretty much anything that floats - are represented in USPS.

Squadrons have three key missions: public service, education ... and having fun.

The first mission includes teaching basic boating safety to the public, and boaters who pass the class can usually get a discount on their insurance. It will also qualify you for a boating license in states that require them. The next class is scheduled for 16-17 April, from 0900 to 1600. Performing vessel-safety checks is another public service. Trained vessel examiners help boaters ensure that their boats are legal and safe. Carquinez Squadron will hold a vessel-safety-check weekend at the Vallejo Yacht Club 9-10 April, from 1000 to 1600. Vessel checks can also be scheduled at other times. My wife, Samantha, and I are both vessel examiners, and you can schedule a VSC by calling us at (707) 642-0488, or e-mailing to mfordyce@sonic.net.

A historical example of public service occurred when the United States entered World War II after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Warships began running down the ways in record numbers, but there weren't enough trained navigators to man them. Volunteer instructors from USPS stepped into the breach to make sure that those ships got where they were supposed to go.

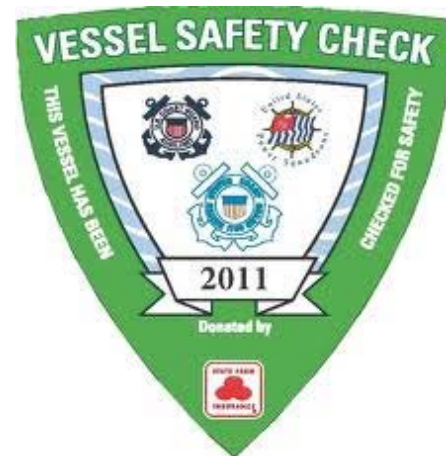
The second mission includes a host of classes and seminars. What are called the advanced grades include seamanship, piloting, advanced piloting, junior navigation, and navigation. The first three are devoted to near-shore navigation using charts and aids to navigation. The last two are devoted to celestial navigation for offshore travel. A boater who completes all five courses will have the skills to take a boat anywhere in the world. There are also elective courses covering sail, weather, engine maintenance, marine electronics, and cruise planning. Some insurers offer additional discounts to boaters who complete some of these courses.

The third mission is to have fun. After all, all work and no play makes Jack Tar a dull boater. Our fun things include: an annual barbecue in late summer; cruises, often with VYC, or with other power squadrons; sponsoring happy hour at the club on the first Friday of every month; monthly gatherings at area restaurants; and the annual Change of Watch, a gala event when new officers are sworn in.

So that's Power Squadrons 101. If you want to know more about Carquinez Sail & Power Squadron, go to www.carquinez.org. To learn more about the United States Power Squadrons, go to www.usps.org. Or you can just buttonhole Samantha or me. We can usually be found in the galley, cooking. (Hey, you think those happy hours cook themselves?)

W. J. M. (Mike) Fordyce
Commander

Vessel Safety Checks



What happens if you are stopped for inspection by the Coast Guard or the sheriff's patrol? Both Federal and California laws require you to carry certain identification papers and safety equipment on your vessel at all times. Are you ready for them? At your request, the Carquinez Sail and Power Squadron will conduct a Vessel Safety Checks to determine that you are properly equipped and documented. This is a voluntary, no-cost review of your vessel's equipment and papers. It is private, and the results are not reported to any enforcement agency.

We are scheduling two days in April, the 9th and 10th, when Vessel Safety Examiners will be available at the clubhouse to check out your boat. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so you can schedule a time convenient for you. If another time will better meet your schedule, please let us know. Contact us at www.carquinez.org, or 707-55BOATS; we can conduct a VSC at your convenience. We can also check out trailered boats. Bring it to us, or we can go to you.

Specific details of what will be covered in this review are available in a number of places. Best source is www.safetyseal.net; www.uscg.mil has a link to the VSC process, and you can find information there; www.usps.org also has a link to VSC requirements. Even if you don't pass the check the first time, at least you will know what you need to bring your boat up to regulations.

We hope to have a majority of the boats in the VYC harbor showing the VSC decal, sign of a successful VSC.

BLUEGRASS JAMMIN' WITH UPSTAIRS 5

Written by Robbie Gabriel



Left to Right, Gary Jordan, Gerry Edgley, Earl Trumbull, Sr Pete Morley and Gary Vinyard

There has been a standing event every Wednesday on the VYC Social Calendar for several years now. This event is called the Bluegrass Jam. For those of you who never have attended the Wednesday jam, you're sure in for a treat. I joined the Jam in March and would like to share what ya'll are missin'.

When the music started playing, I couldn't help but to stay awhile and join the band upstairs. As I approached the small upstairs conference room, the music became louder and it took a few minutes to muster up enough courage to open the door. I could no longer resist and I very quietly and slowly cracked the door and peaked inside. The band was in the middle of a song so I quickly scurried to find a seat in the back of the room. My senses were engulfed in the music which seemed to be coming from every angle of the room. Trying to be inconspicuous, my toes began tapping, head began bobbing and I felt like I wanted to sing along, but I tried my best not to. I was taken aback by the harmonic sound being played to perfection by a band with such diverse voices and instruments. Determining which band member was singing or playing was a challenge but, it didn't really matter, I just liked what I heard.

After settling down and catching my breath, I looked around and realized that just about every string instrument imaginable filled the small room including, a handful of guitars, a fiddle, banjo, bass, mandolin, keyboard, harmonica and of course, a train whistle. Just beyond the instruments, two of the four walls were stacked with various amplifiers, studio equipment, microphones and cabling. These guys are serious.

The five band members -and obviously five very good friends- seemed to joke about everything. For example, when I first arrived one of the

band members began introductions by providing each member a humorous nickname. Then the joking continued on song selections which, were successfully made by the band member who could hold their own and/or could find their notes first. The camaraderie of this group is genuinely felt through their music.

So, who are these boys?

- * VYC Member, Gary Vinyard (Rhythm Guitar and Vocal)
- * VYC Member, Gerry Edgley (Mandolin and Vocal)
- * VYC PC, Earl Trumbull, Sr. (Bugle, Washboard, Bass, a Train Whistle and Vocal)
- * VYC Member, Gary Jordan (Fiddle, Banjo, Piano, Guitar Mandolin, Concertina and Lead Vocal)
- * Pete Morley: (Lead Guitar and Vocal)

The group was formed in 2006 on C Dock. According to the tale, Gerry Edgley and Gary Vinyard regularly got together on one of their boats to play guitar and enjoy a glass of wine. One afternoon Gerry Edgley was heading over to Gary Vinyard's boat and ran into Gary Jordon with a fiddle in tow. With no hesitation Gary Jordon joined Gerry Edgley and Gary Vinyard for a song or two, and then many more. They invited Earl Trumbull Sr. to join in with his nylon guitar and wash tub. After a while, Gerry Edgley ran into his old friend and fellow musician, Pete Morley while shopping for groceries. Over the fresh vegetable isle, Pete was invited to join the four musicians.

Once they decided that they were an official band, they needed a name. After scratching their heads and sharing ideas, the band name became obvious to Earl Trumbull Sr when he looked around the room and suggested Upstair's 5.

These five talented musicians have a repertoire of about 25 songs and have played in various venues including Benicia High School, senior centers in both Benicia and El Cerrito, and of course don't forget the VYC Hootenanny.

Where else but the Vallejo Yacht Club would you find four of our finest members with one good friend singing about jailhouses, girls in South Dallas, a war in New Orleans, trains, prostitution, and of course good ol' Joe.

Bring along your instruments Wednesdays from 12:00pm to 3:00pm to play or sing along. If you don't have an instrument, come on down, tap your toes and let the music sweep you away.

In the following months, the VYC Binnacle will highlight each band member. Everyone is welcome to share their experiences and comments about the band by emailing BinnacleEditor@vyc.org or drop a note in the Binnacle mailbox.

SHIP SHAPE SHORTS

LONELY? DATE YOUR FILTERS !



It is a well known fact that the key to keeping any engine running well is to keep the oil clean and maintained at the proper level. That means changing the oil filter(s) on a regular basis. If you are tenacious record keeper, it is a simple matter of checking the maintenance logbook.

But if you are like most of us, you need to take a more basic approach. Using a felt tip marker, write the date directly on the filter canister or, even better, if your engine(s) are fitted with hour meters, note the present hour readings. This is a great, and easy way to keep your machinery operating properly and forestall future problems.....

Bruce T. Martens is a recognized MARINE SURVEYOR and member of Vallejo Yacht Club, performing inspections and providing consultation in the San Francisco Bay and Delta Waterways for well over 30 years.

VYC Swabbie Log Submitted by Mary Kraybill



I had the opportunity last month to help crew a Catalina 380 on her voyage to her new home, from Los Angeles to San Francisco. I boarded my first flight since 9/11 to get to Los Angeles with my other crew mate Sandy. We were greeted by Leon the captain and then had a really nice evening going out to dinner and getting settled in. The next morning, with a sleepy captain, we got a late morning start and sailed away from Redondo Beach with extra fuel, food and charts; headed to Santa Barbara.

The day was beautiful with wind from the S/SW, and we SAILED! Salacia's winches desperately needed servicing, and her sails had bellies we joked were pregnant. We sailed with the porpoises and headed into a winter storm. That day we set up our crew schedule, reefed the sails and found out whose foul weather gear kept them warm and dry. Arriving at 9 that night, and with another storm expected, we slept in the next day to sort through our options.



Santa Barbara was beautiful, sunny and windy. But this is where the crew couldn't agree and the boat became much smaller. Pt. Conception was ahead and we needed to make decisions. One of us didn't want to sail in the storm or sail at night. One of us wanted to head out right away and one of us wanted to leave that night. One of us wanted to get the opinion of all the sailors on the dock, and 2 of us wanted to look at NOAA updates. 2 of us wanted to jump ship, 1 of us wanted to strangle a crew member and 1 of us wanted to scream. And the Captain wanted consensus.

In the end we left that night in the growing wind and rounded Pt Conception at 7 the next morning in still manageable winds with



one of us sleeping peacefully below (ah the anticlimax of it all). After heading farther up the coast we sailed into our windiest section of 25 knots with gusts to 35 knots. We sailed through the day and arrived at Pt San Luis to our mooring ball, just after the water taxi service had shut down. Exhaustion had set in for all of us and we made phone calls and went to sleep without dinner. Pt San Luis was quite a humble contrast to Santa Barbara. Our neighbor was a sea lion squatter on a moored boat, and our excursion to get water at the dock the next morning was quite confusing, and got us rafted up to a floating dock and stinky water for our trouble. But we headed out to Santa Cruz better rested and ready for our third leg.

This was our longest leg, 22 hours long. This was also the first day we really couldn't sail, with glassy seas in all directions. We motored through the day and most of the night, passing Hearst Castle, Big Sur, and a lot of lonely coastline. Monterey finally came close, and

Santa Cruz approached as the sun was coming up.

Sandy and I couldn't stay on for the rest of the trip, it had taken longer than I could take off work. We had to bother Leon's nap after arrival to do the rental car arrangements. Leon needed to sleep and get rested for his next leg. Sandy and I left about noon, and Leon ended up spending the next day and a half waiting out another storm, then coming into the Bay the day after in heavy fog.

I learned tolerance, chart-plotting, crew ability, skipper skills, the value of local knowledge, and my own personal limitations. It was the experience of a lifetime; I hope to have the opportunity to sail long distances again some day.

Safety matters

Submitted by John Cole, Safety Officer



Planning ahead is a safe way to be prepared, for see problems before they occur. We are headed into the sailing season, lets check gear, lines and tackle for wear and tear, replacing items before they fail. Likewise service motors, checking boats for tightness and moving parts and linkage for fatigue and wear. Lastly, check the weather forecasts, yes check several.

Remember the racing season is just around the corner and to race is to test the limits of your boat. If something fails or breaks you not only endanger yourself, your crew and your boat, you also may put other boats around you, at risk, when you are unable to sail properly.

Duck Tape and WD 40 may be a band aid, but are not the answer to sailing problems. Having the correct gear and spare parts will help you keep problems from becoming catastrophes.

Cary extra hoses, clamps, and through the hull plugs. It is possible for Murphy to be one of your unknown crew members just waiting to do mischief.

We just had the San Francisco Yacht Club sail out. I sincerely wanted to sail or motor to SFYC. I checked several weather services trying to find a fair weather forecast. I was over whelmed with don't go, so I drove. To my delight there were about two dozen VYC members there. They all drove. It is better to be safe. Fair winds and a following seas to all.

Cruise News

Hello Cruisers!

We have survived 2 cruises so far both as different as you could ask for. This last cruise to San Francisco was the victim of bad weather. After all the organizing to be able to accommodate all the VYC boats that wanted to sail, not one boat went to SFYC. But the party still happened with VYC members driving over to partake of the beautiful club, good food, and good company.

With better weather anticipated, April 15-17 is our next cruise, to Oakland Yacht Club in Alameda.



Leon and Jennifer Lucchi



Ken and Heather deVries



Dennis and Becky Ronk



Louise Gasset and Gary Vinyard



Gail and Ken Hall

2011 VALLEJO YACHT CLUB CRUISE SCHEDULE



STRICTLY SAIL SHOW

APRIL 15-17

Oakland Yacht Club
Alameda
Strictly Sail Boat Show



MAY 20-22

Location TBD
KFOG Kaboom! Fireworks Show



JUNE 3-5

Location TBD



JULY 1-4

South Beach Yacht Club
4th of July Cruise



AUGUST 26-28

Location TBD



SEPT 23-OCT 2

Blue Water Cruise
Chair: Arden Perkins



OCTOBER 7-9

Location TBD
Fleet Week

SWEETHEART'S CRUISE

Martinez Yacht Club
February 2011



BELVEDERE COVE

San Francisco Yacht Club
March 2011



Thank you to the all of the Mardi Gras Volunteers who made Mardi Gras 2010 a great time!

Thank you to Roger Smith, Barbara Brown, Ladonna Bubak, Rob Tryon and the Balloon Team for making the right ambience to celebrate. Thanks to Dave Nadolne who pulled together the festive drink menu and who bartended with the help of Mary Kraybill. Thank you Mary! Julie Bauder forfeited a Friday night of wedding planning to make the flavorful Jell-O Shots, thank you! Thanks to Rosemary Hull and Ladonna Bubak for stepping up last minute to welcome members and greet our guests. Thanks to our DJ, Russell Bone (my son) for playing music and for doing his best not to play the songs he likes. Wayne Dickman generously cleaned our dishes without a single complaint! Rob Tryon, Ladonna Bubak and Wayne Dickman thanks for cleaning the clubhouse early the next morning. Lastly, A very special thank you to the Fordyce family for planning, shopping and cooking the culinary masterpiece while exhausted and sore. I can't thank you enough.

Stayed tuned for Mardi Gras 2011! Laissez le Bon temp rouler! —Robbie Gabriel



April Birthdays!

Join us on Friday, April 15th Happy Hour (5:30pm) to celebrate March Birthdays!

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| Debi Engel | 1-Apr |
| David Stroh | 2-Apr |
| Herman Brinkman | 3-Apr |
| Bob Sansome | 3-Apr |
| Pat Patterson | 7-Apr |
| Tony Williams | 7-Apr |
| David (Jim) Ernest | 8-Apr |
| Russ Taft | 8-Apr |
| Ann Adamson | 12-Apr |
| Bob Sorum | 12-Apr |
| Cory Whitecotten | 12-Apr |
| David Nunes | 14-Apr |
| Bill Thomas | 16-Apr |
| Eric Ochs | 17-Apr |
| Charlene Angelo | 19-Apr |
| Sheila Mills | 19-Apr |
| Jerry Halterman | 22-Apr |
| Gary Callahan | 24-Apr |
| Dan Karonis | 24-Apr |
| William Schmid | 24-Apr |
| Jesse Patrick | 26-Apr |
| Lydia Bornssein | 27-Apr |
| Bruce Sinclair | 30-Apr |



Rosemary and Bob Hull, Louise Gasset and other member



Louise Gasset and Gary Vinyard



Russell Bone



Barbara Brown, Dori MacEarney, Roger Smith, Gordon Smith



LaDonna Bubak and Robbie Gabriel



AROUND THE MARKS

Submitted by Gordon Smith, Sail Fleet Captain

AROUND THE MARKS

I'm looking for a particular date...Hummm... Perhaps the Kalends of March? No, that's not it. How about the Nones of March? No, that's not either. Maybe the Ides of March or even March Madness. No, but I think we are getting closer. I got it!...March 12th. Yup, that's it. The finale of the Tiny Robbins Midwinter Series. As most of you recall this year's Tiny Robbins Midwinter Series has suffered from a lack of wind and an abundance of tide. So, as March 12th. rolled around, we were all hoping for a little more wind and perhaps a little less tide. As it turns out, "hoping" was the operative word. The wind tried to cooperate and did for half of the nine mile race. The course was up to our new oil wharf buoy (to port) and down to CM 3 (to port) and finish. Most boats made it all the way to the oil wharf mark but, unfortunately, that's exactly when the wind decided to call it quits.

Division A (spinnaker) had the extra needed horsepower to muscle their way around and made the finish line of the club. Division B (non-spinnaker) was not so lucky. Only two of the seven contestants managed a finish. So, here are the results :

Division A -1st **Summer & Smoke**, 2nd. **Wings**, & **Hasta Nunca** 3rd. Division B - 1st. **Somewhere in Time**, 2nd. **Lita-k**, with the balance of the score card taking a DNF.



SV Ringer
Gary Cicerello

With these final results in we now have our Tiny Robbins Midwinter Season results. Division A : Season Champion, **Pat Patterson, Summer & Smoke**, 2nd place, **Dave Britt's, Split Water**, 3rd place **Jack Vetter's Tutto Bene** followed by **Wings,Hasta nunca, Blue Chip**, and **Joker**. Division B - Season Champion, **Tom Ochs' Somewhere in Time**, 2nd. **John Karuzas' Lita k**, 3rd, **Gary Cicerello's Ringer** followed by **Sea Wolf, Fly Bye, Pretty Penny, Seascape, Citlali, Getaway** and **Hattie**. In all, seventeen boats competing in two classes. Congratulations to all.



SV Somewhere in Time
Tom Ochs and Gail

What the heck is a Hasta Nunca anyway? As it turns out, it is the name of Eric Ochs new Moore 24, I'm going to let you look it up but I think it is an interesting name.

After the March 12th. Midwinter race one of our enterprising racers posed a question to me. "Can they use a code zero sail with a roller reefing luff in Division B (non-spinnaker)? Good question. The answer unfortunately is... no. The code zero is primarily a reaching sail with a mid girth measurement that is at least 75% of the foot length and therefore considered a spinnaker. Just FYI, if you are considering a code zero-you may tack it to a spinnaker pole or tack it off your bow.



SV Lita K
John and Lita Karuzas

New Port News...Last month we mentioned some new additions to our racing fleet. This month we have a few additions to our racing roster. **Steve Strunk's Newport 30** which will be racing in Division B and **John and Cathy Van Vessem's beautiful Catalina 36 Sojourn**.

Our next race will be April 6th. which will be the start of our Wednesday Night Sunset Series. April 9th. will mark the start of our North Bay Championship Series. Race #1 will be the California Maritime Academy kick off race. 1st start 12:00 hrs. Division B (non-spinnaker) 2nd start 12:05 Division A. Check our race bulletin board for 2011 course sheets.

Well, that looks like it for another month. See you all soon and Smooth Sailing.



SV Summer and Smoke
Pat Patterson

2011 Elected & Appointed Officers	
Commodore	Brian Liddle
Vice Commodore	Jim Glenn
Rear Commodore	Emanuel Lorenzana
Staff Commodore	Chris Mendonca
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Secretary	Maggie Sabovich
Port Captain	Ray McEaney
Fleet Captain Sail	Gordon Smith
Asst. Fleet Captain Sail	Dave Nadolne
Fleet Captain Power	Arden Perkins
Fleet Captain Cruise	Mary Kraybill
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Director	Mike Coleman
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Schedule of Events

- 10:00 am – Flag Ceremony
- 10:30 am – Memorial Service
- 11:30 am – Blessing of the Fleet & Poker Run
- 12:30 pm – Poker Run winner announcement
- 1:00 pm- Lunch (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs)
- 2:00 pm – Ducky Derby Race
- 2:30 pm – Ducky Derby winner announcement
- 3:00 pm – Games

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