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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

April 2008

Well our prayers have been answered by the arrival of a beautiful spring announcing another sailing year is waiting for us. We hope to make this a very active year by encouraging friends and family to spend more time at the club.

One of the strengths of this club is the remarkable number of members who fondly remember their summers spent around the club as youngsters (or oldsters for that matter). We will be launching several initiatives aimed at making this true for another generation.

Being a yacht club, one obvious tack is to get more boats on the water for one reason or another or no reason at all. To this end, we will be contacting the club boat owners to try to lure them into the water more often. This may even escalate to another year with a cruising calendar. Hopefully, there may even be occasional spontaneous expeditions to beach picnics.

To provide the bodies for spontaneous boating, or fill in crew for our racing skippers, we have resolved to try keeping the bar area open for hanging out more often. We tried this a couple of years ago at Jim Pettigrew's suggestion. Given that I can't remember any negative outcomes, any difficulties must have been minor. Envision disconnecting on a summer day, wandering down to the club and doing nothing or maybe something as the spirit moves you.

The extremely long life of our facilities continues to offer up interesting challenges. No sooner had the flashing and solar vent project been completed (here is to less dry rot and a longer roof life!) than the inner hoist began lifting a corner of the deck when lifting a boat. Our fearless Port Captains sprang into action and the deck is now strapped down. Unfortunately they had to look under the deck to get this done. Needless to say there is a bunch more to do under there, but contrary to years of fears, it is doable. The joking advice to commodores, Port Captains and other interested parties has been "don't look under the deck". Now we can imagine a time when that joke will make no sense. Thank you Millie and Richard.

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN continued:

Last month's column reported on some ideas being considered by the board. I would like to thank those of you who took the time to weigh in with your opinion. As a result of your input and further ruminations by the board here are the some things we are, or are not, doing. There will definitely not be any organized effort at increasing membership, an idea that, upon reflection, no one was interested in pursuing. After some diligent research by our Treasurer, bookkeeper and accountant a limited one year trial of being a photo location was approved assuming details can be worked out satisfactorily. These would be limited to five or six non-summer weekdays. The final item was the idea of removing the drop ceiling in the ball room. Interestingly enough, this generated more response than any other idea with four in favor and one cautious. The cautious one wondered what it was like before the current ceiling. Upon questioning people with experience predating the drop, the words cacophony, bedlam, deafening, clamorous even clangorous were or would have been used if they had my thesaurus. Some thought the sound problem could be dealt with but testimony as to the horrors in the attic pushed the probable cost to such a size that the project was referred to the facilities planning committee.

WHAT'S UP by Ed Schwartz

The next time you ask, you might consider the word "up." It's a little word but it's way up there when it comes to its many meanings.

There is the understandable up in the sky or up on top of the list or go up scale, or raise up the sail, but when we awaken, why do we wake up? At a meeting, when does a topic come up? Why do we speak up and why are the officers up for election and why is it up to the secretary to write up the minutes? We have to be up on the latest office gossip or we will be up the creek.

We call up our friends. We use color to brighten up a room, polish up the silver, warm up the leftovers, then clean up the kitchen. We lock up the house. We wait while the mechanic fixes up our car. We sometimes stir up trouble, line up for tickets, work up an appetite, and think up excuses. We get dressed every day, but for a special occasion we get dressed up.

Up can go both ways. A drain must open up because it is stopped up. We open up a store in the morning but we close it up at night.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding up, but when the sun comes out, we say it is clearing up. When it finally rains, it wets the earth and messes things up, but when it doesn't rain for a while, it dries things up.

I could go on, but let's wrap it up or we'll be up all night. Aren't you glad you didn't have to learn English as a second language? Now, think of all the many definitions of the word "jack."

NOTICES

SHIPS STORE

CHECK OUT SPRING THINGS AT SHIPS STORE:

Men's Short Sleeve Polo Shirts	\$20-\$35
Ladies Short Sleeve Polo Shirts	\$35
Youth T Shirts	\$15
Hats – Caps – Visors	\$13-\$15
Sweatshirts	\$15-\$21

Plus lots more!

Store will be open at the Open House or by special arrangement. Susan Medina 663-8585.

CLUB RENTAL

Sunday	April 27th	2pm to 7pm	Inverness Garden Club Matthew Baxter Memorial Event
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MEMBERSHIP

Elected to Membership:

Michael and Joanne Dranginis
Proposer: Mark Ropers
Seconders: Claudia Ropers and John Chase

(Dr.) David and Debra Melcon
Proposer: Katherine Landreth
Seconders: Carol Skold and Ken Twining

Charles Sullivan
Proposer: Douglas Moore
Seconders: Margaret Moore and Carrick McLaughlin

INVERNESS YACHT CLUB
WINTER BOAT MAINTAINANCE :
The Results !



“Valella”, Richard and Millie afloat again.



Robert Cardwell's new "Fun" and "Valella"
enjoyed a brisk but beautiful spring day.

Photos by Malcolm Fife.



A good portion of the 110 Fleet celebrating an early start to their season.

(Would you risk port tacking this lot??)

**GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARTZENEGGER PROPOSES
CLOSING TOMALES BAY STATE PARK.**

***** *Action Needed by Club Members. Contact Our Legislators Immediately.* *****

Once again as the economy slows down, the state government budget has developed a massive annual deficit of approximately \$16 billion. In an effort to bring down expenditures, in January the Governor proposed a 10% across-the-board reduction in most state departments, which has resulted in a proposal to close our own Tomales Bay State Park on July 1, 2008. It's now time for Club members to object, citing several reasons. Mostly, it isn't practical. While the roadway leading to Heart's Desire could be gated and closed at the entrance, its beaches cannot be secured and will remain available to the public by a water approach. Further, the parking lot above Shell Beach cannot be gated since the public roadway must remain open for public safety purposes and of course it can be entered from the water as well. The Tomales Bay State Park now employes only a single ranger and a maintenance person. Given how much use it receives from locals and Bay Area residents alike, the prospective savings are minor indeed. Summer in Inverness would not be the same without family picnics and "waterdogs" learning to swim at Heart's Desire and Shell Beach. My family actually has a faded (1914) photograph of my father as a 3 yr. old toddler, playing in the sand with his sister at Shell. Close Shell Beach. No way.

Emails to our legislators and the Governor make the difference. Squeaky wheels get oiled first. Send one today.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger: <gov.ca.gov/interact#contact>;

Assembly Member Jared Huffman: <democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a06/>

Senator Carole Migden: <dist03.casen.govoffice.com/>

The time to act is now. Sacramento wants to hear from you.

-Ken Emanuels

The Board Members of Inverness Yacht Club urge you to take action on this issue.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, March 29th	Sailing Into Spring with Skipper and Trans-Pacific Adventurer, Michael Reppy	Drinks Dinner	6.00pm 7.00pm
Saturday, April 12th	Board Meeting Open House	Drinks	9.30am 5.30pm
Saturday, April 26th	Grand Old Opry with KWMR	Drinks Dinner Show	6.00pm 7.00pm 7.45pm

Slide show to follow with Michael Reppy.

Drinks at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm

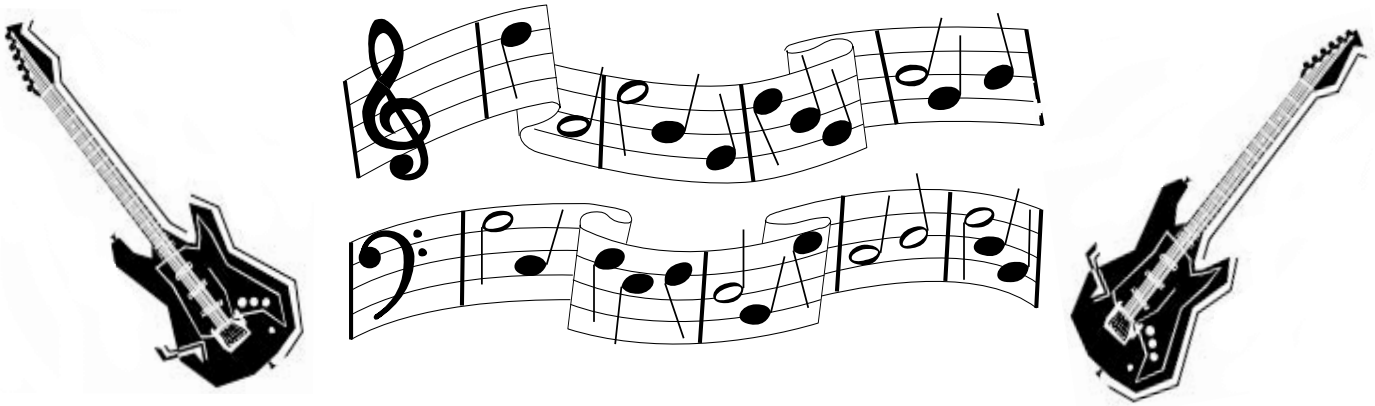
“SAILING INTO SPRING”

Saturday, March 29th

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The Grand Ole Opry in Inverness

Wear yur' western duds & come to the

Inverness Yacht Club

Saturday, April 26th

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Ribs, beans & fixin's

7:45 p.m. SHOW STARTS

COST: \$25 a head...

To make a reservation: Send your check to
Ann Johnson, P.O.Box 1168, Inverness, CA 94937
(415) 669-7257

(Show recorded live on KWMR-Music throughout the evening)
Childcare available

Our sales tax exemption requires that we accept payment from members only.
Child care will be provided in the day room by reservation.