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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

August 2008

It seems like yesterday that I sat down with trepidation to put together last September's Commodore's Column. Now about a month short of completing my tour as Commodore it is hard to believe that the time has passed so quickly and pleasantly. My job has been made easy by one of the best set of officers, directors and committee heads on record not to mention numerous untitled folks who have good naturedly pitched in to create another great year of IYC history. Thank You All.

As usual with summer we are picking up momentum with the club resonating with a great youth sailing program, race program, parties both scheduled and spontaneous. New ideas are bubbling to the surface. From the mundane, for example finding more space for the revitalized and successful ships store, to opening adult sailing to the world and contemplating expanding beyond Flying Scots, to the brand new, exploring the possibility of making some members' Kayaks available for use by the non-Kayak owning membership. There are even thoughts of addressing how to match up people without boats, to boats without enough people.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the slate of officers and directors that will keep the momentum going and carry us through another great year. You all have a lot to be proud of as part of what keeps this club not just alive but vibrant, a joy to be involved with.

It looks like this edition may hit the streets a little early so I may be in time to tell you that the Festival of Sail is coming to San Francisco July 23rd through July 27th. If you have an interest in tall ships check it out at www.festivalofsail.org.

For now it is too nice a day to sit at a keyboard so I am taking my own advice and heading down to the club just for the heck of it. Hope to see you there.

Thanks again for a great year.

JohnS

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PIZZA AT CAFÉ REYES

Before I get into the heart of this review, I must tell you I am a persnickety pizza purist. If someone were to tell me that they just had a pizza with ham and pineapple chunks on it, a dreadful travesty called a pizza Hawaiian, I would become seriously ill. My retching sounds would speak volumes, far more than my words could describe. Fooling around with this ancient and revered Italian mainstay is tantamount to performing a Mozart symphony on a kazoo—yes, it can be done, but why?

Fortunately, there is a group dedicated to keeping pizza pure. It is the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana, founded in 1984, that has set out strict and correct rules for an authentic Neapolitan pizza. These rules include: the dough must be hand kneaded. Only San Marzano tomatoes can be used, mostly because they are the best in the world. The pizza must be baked in a wood-fired, domed oven at a temperature around 900 degrees Fahrenheit for no more than 90 seconds and should be about 12 inches in diameter and—note well—be no more than about 1/10 of an inch thick (a third of a centimeter to be exact.) And there can only be two kinds—pizza marinara or pizza Margherita, named after a queen of Italy (1851-1926).

You are asking, who could possibly adhere to these strict rules? Surely no pizzeria in these parts—well, that is, up to now. Café Reyes has morphed into such a place, dispensing true pizzas that would cheer to heart of even a pizza critic in Naples.

It is true. Owner Robert Harvell did his homework before Café Reyes turned to pizza as its stock in trade. And true to form, the first two pizzas on the menu are marinara and Margherita and both are excellent. The marinara, with just sauce and garlic, is of historic gourmet importance in West Marin—the garlic is fresh, grown here and thinly shaved by hand. The Margherita has mozzarella, San Marzano sauce and basil, the red white and green colors paying honor to the Queen Margherita and the Italian flag.

Yes, I confess, that Café Reyes adds other variations to pizza, including one named “The Inverness” which Bambi and Buck Gores enjoyed. Made with delicious mushrooms and sausage, I suppose if one has to tamper with the rules, this would be the way to tamper. I sneaked a bite and it was excellent. The delicious green salad could feed a small army.

Café Reyes pizza can be enjoyed from noon to 9 p.m. every day of the week. Delightfully, Harvell has set the pizza bar really high! If, as rumor has it, Rosie’s Café is going the pizza route, it might do well to rethink it. Café Reyes pizza is that good! Ed Schwartz

NOTICES

CLUB RENTALS

Friday August 8th 6pm

Tomales Bay Assoc. Annual Meeting and Pot Luck.

PORT CAPTAIN

The Port Captain reminds you...

This is the busy season for the club. If you party at the end of the pier, please bring your own recyclables and garbage back to the clubhouse and put them in the racoon-proof receptacles.

Thank you.

I Y C A N N U A L M E E T I N G

Here is the proposed slate of officers for the IYC's 2008-09 Board. The Nominating Committee is very pleased and honored to present these willing and able folks who are ready to serve our Club.

Returning:

Commodore: Peter Lassetter
Vice Commodore: Mark Darley
Rear Commodore: Win Black
Director (one year): Peter Ackley
Director (one year): Pat White

Re-upping:

Director (two years): Lyn Twining

New :

Treasurer: Jim Laws
Secretary: Mardi Brayton
Director (two years): Malcolm Fife

Please attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 30th at 5.30pm.

Bar will open at 5pm, Dinner at 7ish.

M E M B E R S H I P

Approved for Membership:

Julia and Sam Thoron. Proposer: Dudley Miller. Seconder: Jackie Cardwell
Shawn Kelley. Proposers: Sam and Francis Hinckley. Seconders: Mark and Suzanne Darley

JUNIOR SAILING

US SAILING SAFE POWER BOATING COURSE AT THE IYC

On June 23-24, the first two days of the Youth Sailing Instructors Preparation week, the IYC hosted a US Sailing Safe Power Boating Course. The instructor for the course was Charlie Arms, the Director of Sailing at the California Maritime Academy.

The participants in the course were: Head Youth Sailing Program Instructor Isabelle LeMieux (Humboldt State); Youth Sailing Instructors, Davis Allen (Humboldt State), Seamus Pettigrew (U of Oregon), Logan Weir (Fordham), Walker Weir (UCSC), Eliza White (Bay School SF); Flying Scot Fleet Capt., Peter Ackley; Race Committee Chair, Peter Lassetter; Youth Sailing Shore Supervisor, Mike Meszaros; Recent Past Race Committee Chair, Mike Severson; and Youth Sailing Committee Chair, Pat White.



As we had lower low tides on the mornings of the course days, the Club is appreciative of the graciousness of Dudley and Sarah Miller for letting us use the dock at Shallow Beach to park the Club Whaler's the night before and get the participants on the water on the course days.

The course was rigorous. Participants prepared by reading US Sailing Certification Series Books "Start Powerboating Right" and "Safety, Rescue, & Support". There was a class room component on both days followed by a written test based on the content of the books. The on the water drills included:

- * Docking and slow speed drills - Undocking, backward slalom, holding position, pivot turn, overboard recovery, steering a range, towing, docking.
- * High speed maneuvers – figure eight, avoidance turn, high speed stop.
- * Race support boat operations – tow and be towed, distressed sailboat recoveries, setting marks.

Participants who successfully completed the examinations and practical exercises received US Sailing Safe Powerboating Certification, a Safety and Rescue Endorsement, and a Support Boat Endorsement.

All of the Youth Program Instructors had previously taken a US Sailing two weekend course certifying them as Small Boat Sailing instructors. To be certified as an instructor, they were also required to take a Red Cross CPR and Basic First Aid class.

The US Sailing Safe Powerboating Course was excellent, developing important skills for both our Youth Sailing Instructors and Race Committee. When not instructing or racing themselves, we may see some of our Instructors out on the IYC race support boat as well.

JUNIOR SAILING

REGATTA OPPORTUNITIES FOR IYC YOUTH SAILORS

Opportunities for IYC youth sailors to sail in competition outside of the Club events are offered by Bay Area Youth Sailing (BAYS), an organization that sponsors a summer series. The website to find out more about this organization and these regattas is www.bayarea-youthsailing.com

The BAYS Summer Series 2008 is as follows:

BAYS # 2- Summer Sailstice Regatta at Treasure Island Sailing Center. June 21-22.

BAYS # 3 – Sequoia Yacht Club/PYSF . July 5-6.

Junior Olympic Sailing Festival – Sequoia Yacht Club. July 26-27.

BAYS # 4 – San Francisco Yacht Club, August 16-17 .

BAYS # 5 - Tiburon Yacht Club. August 30-31.

Interested sailors should let the instructors know of their interest in participating in these regattas.

The **Mini Moonlight Midnight Marathon**, Friday 7/18, is a regatta for Opti's organized by the San Francisco Yacht Club in Tiburon. The races will continue past sunset on a multi-lap course in Belvedere Cove. All teams are eligible with substitutions permitted between races. Registration 18:30, Competitor's meeting 19:30, First Warning 20:30. \$5/ sailor. Hot chocolate and snacks, no dinner. Session Two Opti sailors who are interested in participating should let the instructors know. Note that there is a conflict for Session One Opti Sailors as this is their last day of the Session.

IYC Youth Regatta

The IYC Youth Regatta is open to participants in both Sessions and any IYC Youth Sailor up to age 18.

This will be a one day Regatta on Sunday, August 10. The entry fee will be \$25.

The Youth Regatta Trophies are:

- o Novice El Toro - St.Columba's Trophy
- o Open El Toro – Spade Trophy
- o Laser Open – Duncan Patterson Trophy
- o FJ “All Arouds” – Tom Blackaller, Sr. Trophy

HALF HOG

1.	Meszaros	FD	73.99
2.	Desenberg	FS	74.96
3.	Cardwell	110	75.78
4.	Fife	110	78.14
5.	Biller	110	79.41
6.	Lewis	FS	79.55
7.	Severson	FS	81.39

8.	Lassetter	FS	81.70
9.	Hinckley	110	82.88
10.	Darley	J18	84.92
11.	Phelan	FS	85.32
12.	Hutter	110	88.24
13.	Pettigrew	J18	88.77
14.	Longaker	FS	90.11



A great turnout for the Half Hog Race this year resulted in an exciting start.



Powering to windward.



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BLESSING OF THE FLEET



EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, August 2nd	Dornin Cup Race	1.00pm
Sunday, August 3rd	Martinelli Race	1.00pm
Saturday, August 9th	Board Meeting	9.30am
	Barnes Race	3.00pm
	Open House	5.30pm
Saturday, August 16th	Flying Scot and Flying Dutchman Regatta	Noon
Sunday, August 17th	Ditto	Ditto
Saturday, August 23rd	Oko Race	2.00pm
	Kilkenny/Mendoza Beach Party	3.00pm
Saturday, August 30th	Hog Island Race	11.00am
	Annual Meeting	5.00pm
Saturday, September 6th	Myers Race	1.30pm

beach camping gear.

wine and

Bring the family, all kinds of fresh food,

By sea or by land.

3PM overnight

“KILKENNY

BEACH PARTY”

Saturday, August 23rd

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