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*The Monthly Newsletter of the Inverness Yacht Club*

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## **COMMODORE'S COLUMN**

October 2008

One month in and no particular disasters that I am yet aware of!

October brings to an end the major races of the year. The two remaining are the Spook and Drumstick. Fun races that mean nothing except the pleasure of participation.

I would like to see what appetite there is for a Winter Trophy Series. Emile Kempf has kindly agreed to run rescue boats for one. Are sailors interested in participating in a Series that includes the Spook and Drumstick, and a monthly race from December through March? Can anybody see their way to run flags at the dock? There is the advantage that you do not need to have ice to keep your beer cool. Please e-mail me with comments or grab me in the bar. peter.lassetter@comcast.net or 415 472 2010

So the racing results are:

Equal First:

Steve and Carol Skold, Dudley Millar, John Chase, Kathrine Landreth, Susan Medina, for running flags and starting us.

Our intrepid Youth sailing instructors,

Ken Twinning, Tom Fox, Pat White and Rick Michetti for manning the rescue boats.

Robert Cardwell for ensuring we have gas for the rescue boats each week.

And Susan Medina for the most important act of all – BEER at the dock.

As to the actual racing, the full results are given later. However we should acknowledge the winners:

The Bender Series – Robert Cardwell in a 110

The Flying Scot Regatta – Robert Cardwell (unfortunately in a Flying Scot)

The 110 Series – Chris Waddell

Half Hog – Mike Meszaros in a Flying Dutchman

Hog Island – Robert Someone in a 110

(As Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid once said, "Who is that guy?")

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**COMMODORE'S COLUMN. Cont.**

And now for other important stuff. Josie Brownback has very kindly agreed to be Social Chair for the year. She will be calling some of you soon to ask that you help her form a committee to share the work around.

Please remember, this is her third stint at this job, and it is the one that helps make the club a big part of what we all enjoy so much. If you can see your way to say yes, I would be most grateful.

Best Regards,  
Peter Lassetter

PS. A bright red Kiwi insect has been spotted on the Bay. The grin quotient is enormous. Pictures will follow. Maybe even more different colored examples.

**M E M B E R S H I P**

**Change in Status of Membership:** Bruce Laurenzen from Absentee to Regular Member  
**Resignations:** David Smith & Mary Douglas, Jayne and Glen Halvorsen,  
 Daniel McCormick & Mary O'Brien

**MEMBERSHIP LISTING**

Please inform Carrick McLaughlin of any changes in your listing in the IYC Membership Directory, such as address, phone, email, or boat, as soon as possible: carrickmc@aol.com

# NOTICES

## CLUB RENTALS

October 11th and 12th      Vanguard Fleet Regatta

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The Directory will be going to press before the birth of her next grandchild in December!

## SHIP'S STORE

Ship's Store is selling front gate keys for \$5  
There is a new selection of stretch to fit ball caps,  
There are sailing hats, lots of sweatshirts, crew neck, hooded pullover and hooded zip front  
Stay tuned for information about new merchandise - coming soon.

If you've ordered a name tag and haven't picked it up, please do so. Thanks!

## BAD NEWS AT OLEMA INN

I am fond of giving good news and views about restaurants, but, sad to report that my last dinner at the Olema Inn was unsatisfactory, with a large dollop of rudeness by the owner thrown in for good measure.

First, one of the dishes we ordered was sweetbreads. This is a classic dish; the delicate sweetbreads are generally sautéed in brown butter. Our dish came sautéed in a crust-like batter and it made the sweetbreads dry and unappealing. It is a chef's prerogative to prepare a dish in any style he or she wants but, be fair to diners, put it on the menu so that when the idiosyncratic dish comes to the table you will be neither surprised or disappointed, in this case, the latter.

Another dish we ordered was prepared in a presentation style I detest—the so-called vertical style--and this is a prime example of why I hate it. We ordered the sole, the most delicate fish of all. The dish came out with the sole on a bed of potatoes and on top of the fish, a green salad with an extremely tart dressing. That dressing would have overwhelmed the sole, even if it were placed on the side. But, alas, this salad was placed on top of the fish, so that the tart vinegar dressing seeped down to the fish and flavored it--for all practical purposes, ruining the fish.

As we left, we saw the owner and we brought our concerns to him, thinking that he might be interested in our constructive observations. He was having none of it. He responded to me that he knew all about "my type"--that I was the kind of person that wrote rave reviews about the French Laundry.

When I informed him that I have never been to the French Laundry, let alone wrote a review about it, he absolutely refused to back off and apologize for such a rude and pointless remark. Exactly then, I decided that was the parting of the ways, literally and figuratively. He also made an extremely rude, and wrong, remark about my friend.

In the restaurant business, the customer is right, even when he or she is wrong. But when good advice is given and it thrown back in one's face, it is of some concern to present and future diners. Frankly, at the Olema Inn, you pay and arm and a leg for dinner, what you don't need is lip. Ed Schwartz

# ADULT SAILING

## 2008 IYC ADULT SAILING LESSONS

This year we had two sessions of Adult Sailing lessons, beginning in August and ending in September. The Lessons were carried out in Flying Scots. Aside from one blustery day, we have enjoyed very good conditions on the water.

We had 5 members and two non-members. For the first time we advertised the Adult Lessons in the local newspapers, which brought in the two non-members. Again the reaction has been very positive, and we are proud to say that we have now produced Adult Sailing Lesson sessions for three years in a row, so they are becoming a regular item at the Club.

We are accepting non-members into the program, so please let your friends know that we are offering these lessons. This is one of the few ways that non-members can participate in Club activities.

Looking to the future, this year we had two people indicate interest in a small-boat session. If we can drum up some more, we will look into putting a small-boat Adult Sailing Lesson Session on the water. There was also some interest in an intermediate to advanced level course, focusing on racing skills. We have done this in the past, and will make a push to do this again next year.

If you think you might be interested in participating in the Adult Sailing Lesson Program next year, please let me know what you might be interested in, and I will keep you apprised of developments as they occur. Thank you -

- Ned Congdon



Elizabeth Fenwick and Lisbeth Koelker.



Patricia Hickey and Barbara Jay with Mike Meszaros.

## A D U L T   S A I L I N G

### **How after only five days of Adult Sailing Lessons at the Inverness Yacht Club--my driving improved.**

By Lisbeth Koelker

How blessed was I.

Light winds and the sun skirting across the bay.

A couple of the club's well worn Flying Scots outfitted with two of the most patient and passionate sailors on earth, Mike Meszaros and Emil Kempf.

Day One: Surf spits over our bow as it cuts thru the 360 degree view of Marin's rolling hills.

It's hard to focus on the task at hand . . . exactly where was the wind coming from? Where was that again?

And please tell me what I am supposed to be doing ?

(Read, read, read, and read again the manual. This is serious stuff.)

Day Two: The nomenclature and diagrams of Ned Congdon--Chair of IYC Adult Sailing--manual are starting to somewhat match up to what is happening. I think I am not very good at this, but I know I could be.

Day Three: What do you mean by yelling "man overboard" like that !#@?

And how can you mean we have probably just "killed-the-cushion"?#!

We fail. We succeed. We work. We learn. We smile

Day Four: The beaching and anchoring lessons at Indian Beach pay off with a wonderful picnic in the sand.

Mike finally had a moment to make us chuckle. Emil curled up with us to cat nap in the warm sun.

Friendships were budding among the four women.

Shoving off, I finally, for the first time in my life man both the tiller and the mainsail together.

I can jibe. I can jive.

(The \$106 for a new-yellow-floatation-device is validated. I want to do this again.)

Day Five: The fickle wind dies. Another lesson learned. We are given a written test.

Again I realize the many things I don't know.

Driving my Mini S home over the mountain to Mill Valley that afternoon,

however, my right hand was on the tiller again . . .

with a loose strand of my long hair behaving like tell-tail in the window breeze.

I held the steering wheel lighter than I usually do as I pretended to

tack into the sharp bend in the road.

There is such beauty in sailing.

I felt it.

I'm going to keep that feeling.

Thank you all. Again.

## S U M M E R

**The results for racing for 2008 through the Lake Trophy are:**

**Bender Tropher:**

1st. Cardwell 110  
2nd. Waddell 110  
3rd Gay FS  
4th Fife 110  
5th Seversen FS  
6th Hinckley 110  
7th Biller 110

**Flying Scot Regatta:**

1st Cardwell  
2nd Gay  
3rd Phelan  
4th Lassetter  
5th Seversen  
6th Congdon  
7th Ackley

**110 Regatta:**

1st Waddell  
2nd Cardwell  
3rd Fife  
4th Hinckley  
5th Hutter  
6th Biller

For the other races the winners were: Half Hog: Meszaros FD

Hog Island: Cardwell 110

Lake: No show except one who went cruising!



Millie and Richard on The Hog, well close to it!

Mike, Ron and Susan: The smiles say it all!

Ned, Cecilia and Steve making tactical decisions.

## RACING MEDLEY



Mark & Cecilia on the way home from Hog Island.



Jeff chasing Sam in the Wells Trophy,

And an apparently close crossing by Chris's boat on port in front of Jeff on starboard!

All Photos; Jim Laws

# EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, October 11th	Board Meeting Vanguard Fleet Regatta Open House	9.30am 9am to 10pm 5.30pm
Sunday, October 12th	Vanguard Fleet Regatta	9am to 6pm
Saturday, October 25th	Pirate/ Halloween Party	6pm
Saturday, November 1st	Spook Race	Noon
Saturday, November 8th	Board Meeting	9.30am

**You know the drill!**

**Pot luck snacks,  
and Open Bar:**

**“OPEN HOUSE”**

**Saturday, October 11th**

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*Silvering the Timbers Feast*

October 25th

The Inverness Yacht Club invaded by pirates!

Bring yer eye patches, yer headscarves and yer appetites. Three delectable courses for yer palates and fine entertainment awaits you. Be ye warned, dine at yer own risk.

Costumes admired, pirate costumes especially admired.

Cocktails 6:00

Dinner 7:00

Your check is your reservation. Send \$25/person to:  
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