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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

November 2008

I hope we have all enjoyed this lovely fall – it has been a great Indian Summer. The club is seeing an upsurge in use at the moment, particularly with sailing. There has been a positive rash of new boats and it has been great to see the enthusiasm of people to get out on the water and simply mess about.

Later in this issue there are pictures of birthday boy Hobey Landreth launching, with champagne, his beautifully renovated Zephyr, a smaller version of a 110 designed for single handing. And more 110's keep turning up at the club. They are very likely to be the clubs dominant boat soon, unless the Scot fleet take up the challenge and get out on the water.

Our boat yard is now full again, and we have a waiting list of active sailors wishing to have space for their boat. Our Port Captains have written a letter explaining the situation, printed later in this Pilot, and I ask that all members with boats at the club please read it and take to heart the message.

The proposal for a Winter Race Series appears to be popular and so that will be organized in the next few weeks. The intention is that the Spook and Drumstick in November and December apply, and further monthly races in January, February, March and April be organized. That gives a total of 6 races with five to count. Sue Lassetter has kindly agreed to donate a Trophy, and it is the current intent that the winner gets to keep it for a year at home.

The fiscal year is now over and the last Board meeting reviewed the Balance sheet and set new budgets for the year. Maintenance expenses have been increased, to allow work to be completed to the elevator roof, replacement of the upstairs door to the hall, fire prevention work to the surrounding landscape, repair of the hoists, and work to the diagonal piers.

And, as you will see in later months, my usual thank you to everybody involved in volunteering at the club. Social evenings, races, maintenance, treasury, house upkeep and all the rest just keep on happening, but only with the goodwill and hard work of our volunteers. Thank you all very much, we all appreciate your efforts behind the scenes.

Peter Lassetter

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M E M B E R S H I P

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

Philip (Tom) Goetz, 1927-2008

Our dear friend, Tom Goetz, died on October first.

A memorial will take place in the Church Space of the Dance Palace on the Saturday of Thanksgiving week-end, November 29th at 3 PM.

The event will include a concert in his honor by the a capella group, "Creative Voices", of which Tom was a great admirer and supporter.

Tax deductible contributions in his memory can be made to "Creative Voices" at the door, or be mailed to: "Creative Voices", c/o Lee Seidner, POB 778, Inverness, CA 94937.

Mildred Betaque

There will be a Memorial Service for Mildred Betaque at the Point Reyes Presbyterian Church Wednesday, November 5th at 11am.

NOTICES

SHIP'S STORE NEWS

- New Fall Items -
on display at next open house.
Ladies Fleece Vests & Jackets
Caps, Caps & More Caps – Variety of Club Emblems
Men's Polo Shirts – All sizes now available

You still have until **November 1st** to place your order for a club jacket. Prepaid \$75. Call Susan Medina-663-8585 to order. Mail check payable to IYC to PO Box 368, Point Reyes 94956.

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE & EXTRA SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE *SATURDAY, DEC. 13TH*



The Open House is our only social in December. As usual, bring appetizers...but with a Holiday flair...or even Christmas cookies, and if you want to go home with a gift, bring one. The more unusual the gift the more fun!

The tree will be decorated, so plan to come for the party.

If you want to play wrap that treasured artifact, the thing you brought on vacation when your taste was different and put it on that pile of presents for someone who hasn't lost the taste you used to have, and for whom it might be perfect or useful. ***Please No Junk*** This will be the eighth annual running of the exchange of **UNUSED** Treasures that members bring wrapped and ready for delivery to someone who might like it.

CLUB RENTALS

Friday, December 12th	6-10pm	Inverness Volunteer Fire Department Party
Saturday, December 27th	4-8pm	O'Leary Family Party

S U M M E R



Photographer and chronicler of the Point Reyes community way of life, **Art Rogers**, kindly offered to photograph participants in the 2008 Junior Sailing program.

Here they are, joined by the Head Youth Sailing Program Instructor Isabelle LeMieux, Youth Sailing Instructors; Davis Allen, Seamus Pettigrew, Logan Weir, Walker Weir and Eliza White, Youth Sailing Shore Supervisor Mike Meszaros, Youth Sailing Committee Chair Pat White and your Commodore John Speh.

Original prints may be ordered from Art by contacting him at 415-663-8345 or artrogers@mindspring.com

S U M M E R



Images from the Flying Scot and Flying Dutchman meet in August:
“Saudade” racing to the finish, a haggis of Scots at the leeward mark, and our trusty Race Committee, Dudley Miller and John Chase, doing the job so much appreciated by the sailors on the water.

Photos: Mark Darley

ZEPHYR REBORN



I Y C B O A T Y A R D

Dear Members,

I hope you had as wonderful a summer as I did. It was great to be on or in the Bay, watching others enjoy it, too.

The Port Captain now has a dilemma: three years ago we removed many derelict and unused boats from the yard, and were then able to accommodate those on the waiting list. We then had no one on the waiting list for two years.

Things have changed dramatically, as within a two month period, the wait list has jumped to eight! The eight we have are all avid sailors, many of them have served, or are serving on the Board of Directors, and several are new members who have already shown their intent to serve the Club.

I feel very committed to accommodating these people, partly for their service to the club, but also for their enthusiasm for sailing! These people are at the Club every weekend and I am in the position of turning them away, as far as permanent yard space is concerned.

Therefore, I am making another appeal to those who are not using their boats, to either donate them to the Club (I will try to find interested new owners) or take them home.

Failing membership action on this problem, I will resort to marking tires and applying the very clear language in the Club Bylaws regarding unused and derelict boats. The relevant Bylaws are printed in the front of the Membership Directory and on the website at Inverness Yacht Club.org.

I do not relish this part of the Port Captain position, but it has now become necessary for us to enforce these bylaws in order for the club to continue its role into the future as an active sailing club.

The yard at the Club is dedicated to usage, not storage. It is too small to accommodate both. If you are simply storing your boat there, please make other provisions.

Thank you,

Port Captain



Opposite Page: “The Wreck of the Zephyr” no more!

If you are familiar with the wonderful illustrated childrens’ book by Chris Van Allsburg, you will see the parallels....Boy sees wreck and dreams.....

Hobey Landreth, the beaming owner, writes: ” Little is known regarding this example. No identifying marks on the hull. It has sail #57, so I’ll presume it to be that until someone says otherwise. Most were made in the ‘50s and early ‘60s. Jeff Hutter found this one in Bel Marin Keys and bought it a little over 2 years ago. I bought it from him last summer, gave it to Millie and Richard to fix the leaks and it turned into a full bottom replacement. Doesn’t leak a drop and sails nicely.”

She was launched on Saturday October 18th, Hobey’s Birthday. Congratulations!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, November 1st	Spook Race	Noon
Saturday, November 8th	Board Meeting Open House	9.30am 5.30pm
Saturday, November 29th	Drumstick Race Trophy Dinner & Thanksgiving Party	Noon 6.00pm
Saturday, December 13th	Board Meeting Open House	9.30am 5.30pm

Dress Spooky!

“SPOOK RACE”

Saturday, November 1st

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