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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

Another year. Another President. And another great Gin Fizz Party. Thanks to Jan and Richard Aston, and all their volunteer helpers, who gave us such a great party to start off the New Year. As you can see from one of the pictures inside, I had a great time, and I am sure everybody else did also.

At our last Board meeting we finally approved budgets for the fiscal year. I was not willing to approve running at a deficit, and so regrettably have authorized increases to the Bar prices and storage fees in the yard and club house. In last months Pilot I wrote that we had discussed raising Bar prices and had decided to not do that. I am afraid that in the end fiscal responsibility outweighed the embarrassment of reversing that decision.

The new storage fees will come into effect at the next billing cycle, and are:

Lockers – Small/Large	\$12/18 per quarter.
Yard Boat Storage	\$55
In-House boat storage	\$18
Windsurfer Storage	\$15
Canoe and Kayak Yard Storage	\$15
Laser Yard Storage	\$18
Rowing Scull Yard Storage	\$30

I have been looking at the tide tables to see when we can hold some races over the coming months. Frankly, there is not much water around over the weekends coming. The best days are February 28, start at 1.30pm, March 28, start at 2.00pm, and April 25, start at 1.00pm. The good news is that by happy coincidence these are also the days of social parties, the Crab Feed, Swedish Dinner, and Bohemian Dinner respectively. I warn 110 sailors now however, these days are marginal for you. Please check the tables and decide if you are going out. We will have to start races promptly in order to finish them promptly. Maybe we should insist 110's replace their keels with dagger boards.

The February 14 Open House is dedicated to new members during the past year. You will be given a very stylish badge to wear at the Open House, and that will encourage people like me and other Board members to introduce themselves to you and tell you about this great club. It will also get you free drinks at the Bar. So, new members please come to the next Open House and make yourself known.

Peter Lassetter

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LETTER FROM SAYULITA

It is scary watching men building anything in Mexico. Take Casa Outhouse. It really isn't an outhouse in the true meaning of the word; it's a small bedroom we are building between the house and the pool.

With all the outside walls finished, it's time to put up the beams that will eventually hold up the roof of curved low fired tiles. The beams are thick wood, maybe 6 inches by three inches and there are 10 of them for a building that's 12 feet across. It is sensationally over-engineered. If it weren't canted for the rain, I would think it could support a helicopter. Now all the beams are in place, anchored in by long nails of rebar.

The young man who puts the beams in place dances across the outside walls, about 6' thin. He has the agility of a tight rope artist, all the while juggling an electric drill, large pieces of rebar, a ruler and a hammer. I liked watching him, but I was afraid I would jinx him and he would fall. I gave them several rounds of Diet Coke; giving them beer would be problematic. They all do very hard work but they seem content with getting it done.

Today, we went into town and rented a car. First thing I did was to get some wall paint to paint around our carved stone plaque of 'Our Lady of Carmine.' You have to guess the last two letters because the carver ran out of room, even though the letters got smaller and smaller as the carver progressed. Explaining to the paint store guy how to match the paint swatch I brought in with me was an exercise in futility. He had a big lollipop in his mouth and was constantly sucking it, so I couldn't tell whether he was speaking Spanish, but it wasn't English. In the end, though, I did get some paint which will almost surely match the paint already on the wall. Sometimes, almost is good enough.

The beach and ocean was wonderful as usual. There was a big blowfish washed up on the beach; that was the excitement for the day. A young woman was surfing near me, or, to put it more accurately, was trying to surf. She sat there until she spotted a good wave; then she hopped up on her board, missed the wave and fell down almost in one fluid motion. Each try lasted about two seconds. After about 25 repetitions with no progress, she paddled to shore. I wanted to tell her that the point of surfing was to actually get on the board; stand up, and ride the waves in, but I felt that somehow she knew all that.

The other exciting thing (not easy to come by here) was the Buttercup, the horse tethered in front of our house, was alone this morning, but when we came home there was a little foal with her. That surprised us, for sure.

With all that excitement, it is time for a siesta, something I am getting good at. I wish Spanish came that easy, but one thing at a time.

Ed Schwartz

NOTICES



Best Wishes for a Happy Valentine's Day

Receive a complimentary Sweet Treat for every purchase from Ship's Store at our Valentine's Day Open House.

Vests – Fleece – Polo's- Hats- Mugs – Totes – NoteCards



THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!!!

Save the date....March 28th, and work on your appetite. Once again there will be a traditional Swedish Smorgasbord at the IYC. If you missed them in the past you get another chance, if you've feasted before you can do it again. Watch for the flyer in March Pilot.

LOST PROPERTY

Sam Hinckley has misplaced a blue ski parka and is getting cold. If found please call him at 415-927-3157

MEMBERSHIP

Corrections to 2009 Membership Directory that arrived after the printing deadline.

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YOUTH SAILING SUMMER PROGRAM HEAD INSTRUCTOR SEARCH UNDERWAY

The Inverness Yacht Club seeks a Head Instructor for their Summer Youth Sailing Program. The program begins on 6/22/08 with 8 weeks of employment ending on 8/21. There is one unpaid week in the middle of two three week sessions. There are 30 sailors in each session ranging in age from 10-16 under the direction of a Head Instructor with 5 other US Sailing Certified instructors. The younger sailors are in El Toroís and Optiís. The more experienced sailors are in CFJís and Laserís. Club Flying Scotts are used on heavier air days and for trips to adjoining beaches. The program is rich in tradition, focused on fun, enjoying Tomales Bay, and includes instruction and experience in racing. More information about the Club can be obtained by accessing the Club website at: <http://www.invernessyachtclub.org/aboutus.html>

This is a supervisory position working with and organizing experienced instructors who know the program well. It is preferred that applicants be US Sailing Certified Instructor 1, have past experience as a youth program sailing instructor, and have been part of a High School or College sailing program, however, the supervisory component and ability to work well with youth sailors and teen instructors are of primary importance to the Youth Sailing Committee.

If you are interested in this position please forward your resume to patwhitesf@aol.com . If you know someone who might be a good candidate for this position please forward this message to them or their contact information to me at patwhitesf@aol.com .

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HOUSING POSSIBLY NEEDED FOR YOUTH SAILING SUMMER PROGRAM HEAD INSTRUCTOR

The Inverness Yacht Club is currently searching for a Head Instructor for the Summer Youth Sailing Program. The Program begins on 6/22/08 with 8 weeks of employment ending on 8/21. If the hire is from out of the area, housing will be needed. Are there any members or friends of the Club who could provide a room during this time for the prospective Head Instructor? Such an offering would be of great benefit to the Youth Sailing Program. Thank you for your consideration of this important request. To further discuss this matter please contact

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YOUTH SAILING SIGN UP 2009

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There are two three week sessions with 30 sailors each ranging in age from 10-16. The program is rich in tradition, focused on fun, enjoying Tomales Bay, and includes instruction and experience in racing. The participant fee is \$675 per youth sailor. Some scholarships are available.

Registration forms and more information about the Program can be obtained by accessing the Club website at: <http://www.invernessyachtclub.org/aboutus.html>

The dates for the 2009 sessions are as follows:

6/29- 7/17 First Session
7/27- 8/14 Second Session

Applications will be accepted from Members starting Monday, February 9th, 2008.

No Member applications postmarked prior to February 9th will be accepted. Children and grandchildren of IYC members will have priority over Non-Members until Sunday, March 8th.

Applications will be accepted from Non-Members starting Monday, March 9th, 2008. *No applications from Non-Members postmarked prior to March 9th will be accepted.*

NEW RACING RULES

As some of you may have noticed there is a new set of rules for 2009-2012. For a really succinct description of which rules have changed and how, you can go to Scuttlebutt on line and read an article by Dave Perry at this address: <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/news/09/0108/>

I cannot reprint his article but here are some of the headings:

*Rule 17.2 (On the Same Tack; Proper Course) has been deleted.

*New three length zone; no more "about to round a mark."

*A new definition called Mark-Room.

*New rule 18 cleans up some confusion caused in the previous rule 18.

*Rule 18.4 (gybing at a leeward mark) does not apply at a gate mark.

*No more zones around "obstructions."

*Rule 20 (Room to Tack at an Obstruction) has a small but important change.

Brush up. The new rules are already in effect and are changing the way yachts approach marks and get around a course!

Rule books can be ordered from US Sailing at <http://www.ussailing.org>

NEW YEARS FIZZ



Unfortunately I missed it, but it certainly looks like the IYC bar was lively on New Years Day!

Photos by Sue Lassetter.



21st Annual Crab Feed

Although the crab season is off to a slow start, I am assured there will plenty of crab for the lucky IYC members who attend the annual feast.

The IYC crab feed will be held on February 28, 2009. Invite a friend or two (but no more) and savor some sweet Dungeness crab, salad, freshly baked bread, and a fine desert.

The celebration will start off with cocktails, sodas, etc. at 6 PM followed by the traditional CRAB dinner at 7PM.



Your check is your reservation so send \$20 for adults or \$14 for your children to the Wallace's home at 621 Calle De La Mesa, Novato, Ca. 94949 to reserve your spot. Childcare may be provided if needed so let us know if you would like this service.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help call:
Dave & Eileen at 415-883-0819.

The Club's sales tax exemption requires that we accept payment from Members only.
Childcare will be provided in the Day Room by reservation.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, January 24th	Bistro Night and Jazz	6.00.pm
Saturday, February 14th	Board Meeting	9.30am
	Welcome New Members Open House	5.30pm
Saturday, February 28th	The Crab Feed	6.00pm

“21st Annual CRAB FEED”
Saturday, February 28th
Bibs are provided.
Bring an appetite!

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