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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

At some times in the past the clubs social program has been simply a series of pot lucks, or if the weather was nice a BBQ outside. There is nothing wrong with that; it is the people who make the event. However, in recent years we have been blessed with some wonderful evenings. The Crab Feed, the Swedish Evening, the Scottish Evening, Bistro By the Bay are all a few examples of many great functions that our volunteers have organized and held. The turnout however is reducing. I ask that we all think about that and ponder why. If you have any conclusions, or suggestions, please contact me or anybody on the Board to discuss. I also ask that we all make a determined effort to support the Club by attending the functions. It is not just a money thing. Well attended social events bring a spirit of camaraderie and improve the event. That in turn helps attendance at the next event. Good attendance brings with it a greater volume of thanks to the volunteers who made it happen, which is well deserved and also means it is likely to happen again.

So please everybody, let's support our wonderful, if slightly eccentric, club, and join your mates at our social events.

My second plea is simple. It can occasionally get windy out there. Please tie down your boats so they do not fall on adjacent boats (particularly a small red one with two spare hulls).

On Saturday May 23rd we are having our annual Work Day. It really can be a fun day. The Club will supply the chores, and also a BBQ late lunch. We would love to see you at 9.30am. I am reliably informed the weather will be glorious, and that Californian expectations will be eclipsed by a typical English summer afternoon. I might even bring along some Pimms for that.

The May Social Event has unfortunately been cancelled. It was to have been put on by Paul Eckman and was a talk by him of his conversations with the Dalai Lama and a video of same. Paul has unfortunately to have surgery which will result in him being unable to speak for a while. Please join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Inside the Pilot you will find a Racing Schedule. The tides are not very kind to us this year at the weekends, and so it is a little spread out. But we will be out there racing.

Peter Lassetter.

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PORT CAPTAIN’S NOTICE

Dear Members,

Memorial Weekend, Saturday May 23rd, Work Day will soon be upon us.

In past years Richard and I have been pleasantly amazed at the energetic turnout of the membership. As we have been doing in receny years, the yard will have been weed whacked so we can put everyone’s energy to better use.

This year’s projects include:

Painting of the Ballroom walls. Clearing the ivy off the chain link fence inside and outside the yard. Replacement of the carpet on the outer dock ramp. Cleaning the boathouse. Touch up painting of the hoists. Greasing the hoists and chains. Painting the outer dock. Caulking around the fire escape threshold, and on and on....

We certainly welcome any suggestions. Any suggestions, please call the Port Captain at 669-1442. See you there. **Milly Biller**

**Laura B. Moseley
January 1942-March 2009**

We have lost a dear friend in the passing of Laura Moseley. She embodied so many of the Club’s values: joy in the natural world, respect for all who abide in it, and enthusiastic energy to contribute to the ongoing story. She didn’t just treasure Inverness and her family’s time here; she absolutely LIVED it, swimming in the slough of Tomales Bay off the Moseley dock, giving joyful dinner parties in the marsh-encircled glasshouse, embracing all her sons’ (and adopted daughters’) friends, giving, supporting, and simply loving.

At the IYC, Laura worked and played with innate flair. She will be forever famous for her intensity at Work Day, combating the ivy on the west fence in the morning, then dancing with joyful grace with Bill at the evening’s festivities.

Laura sponsored several Japanese students at the Moseley home in the Oakland hills, a life-changing experience which also included participation in the Youth Sailing Program at the IYC. Shannon, one of Laura’s protégées, is now sailing with the intercollegiate team at Lewis & Clark College. “I took Laura’s advice,” she said, “and kept on sailing.” May we do the same.

Bless you, Laura, and thank you for having so blessed us with your energy and love. Our hearts are with the extended Moseley family now and always in our loss.

Katherine Landreth

NOTICES

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Susan Medina 663-8585

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CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF THE NEW OPTI DINGHY RACK

The Junior Sailing Program is having to replace the Opti Rack at the end of the pier.

The rack currently requires adults to assist in racking the boats.

The new rack will enable Junior Sailors to launch and rack their own boats. It will also accommodate the Opti rigs and sails, eliminating trips to the Club House.

This is an opportunity for club members to get their names on a plaque on the new rack by giving a gift of \$200 or more.

Contact Win Black, winstonblack@mac.com, 415.663.8293,
or John Speh, johnspeh@alumni.ggu.edu, 415.6638745, for details.

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

Friday, May 1st.	Kate Baxter Memorial fundraiser for IGC scholarship. "Will there be Fish?"	5-8pm
Saturday, May 16th.	Tomales Watershed Council	To be confirmed.
Wednesday, May 13th.	May Faire – Garden Club luncheon	Noon-4pm
Saturday, May 30,	McEneaney Party	Late Afternoon/evening party.
Wednesday, June 3rd	Inverness school traditional sing.	Afternoon practice. Evening performance.

MEMBERSHIP

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP:

David and Barbara Whitridge

Proposer: John Chase

Seconders: Barbara Chase & William Draper

R A C E S C H E D U L E 2 0 0 9

Date	Event	Race Start Time	Adj. High - Ht	Adj. Low - Ht
June 13	Open House			
June 27	Wine Tasting Event	Half Hog 3.30 pm	5.37 pm – 5.0'	11.10 am - -0.6'
July 4	4 th July BBQ			
July 5	Blessing of the Fleet			
July 5	Commodores Lunch			
July 11	Open House	IA 3.15 pm	4.24 pm - 4.4'	9.58 am - -0.2' 10.25 pm – 2.4'
July 25	Youth Sailing Fundraiser??	Mason 2.30 pm	4.06 pm – 5.3'	9.52 am - -0.5' 10.29 pm – 1.3'
July 26		Dorin 3.00 pm	4.47 pm – 5.4'	9.51 am – 0.2' 11.35 pm – 1.1'
August 8	Open house	Martinelli 2.00 pm	3.00 pm – 4.6'	8.50 am – 0.1' 9.08 pm – 1.9'
August 15	Kilkenny Beach Party			
August 22		FS/FD Regatta 12.00 pm	2.39 pm – 5.5'	8.38 am - -0.1 9.08 pm – 0.7'
August 23		FS/FD Regatta 12.00 pm	3.16 pm – 5.6'	9.18 am – 0.5' 10.02 pm – 0.5'
Sept 5	Annual Meeting	Hog Island 12.00 pm	1.38 pm – 4.9'	7.44 am – 0.5' 8.05 pm – 1.2''
Sept 6		Barnes 12.30 pm	2.03 pm – 5.0'	8.12 am – 0.9' 8.42 pm – 0.9'
Sept 12	Open House	Oko 4.00 pm	6.34 pm – 5.3'	1.03 pm – 3.2'
Sept 19		Myers 12.00 pm	1.17 pm – 5.6'	7.26 am – 0.4' 8.00 pm – 0.0'
Sept 26	Possible Social Event			
Oct 3		Wells 12.00 pm	12.18 pm – 5.1'	6.34 am – 1.0' 7.07 pm – 0.5'
Oct 4		Lake 12.00 pm	12.44 pm – 5.2	7.04 am – 1.3'' 7.42 pm – 0.1'
Oct 10	Open House			
Oct 31	Halloween Dinner			
Nov 7	Open House	Spook 1.00 pm	2.43 pm – 5.3'	9.29 pm – 3.0' 11.32 pm - -0.5'
Nov 21		Drumstick 12.30 pm	2.09 pm – 4.7'	9.21 am – 3.2' 10.43 pm – 0.1'
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Dinner			
Dec 12	Open House			
Jan 1, 2010	Gin Fizz Party			

S M O G A S B O R D



The Skolds once again outdid themselves with a superb Swedish dinner as the theme of the March party.

The evening began with hors d'oeuvre (including my favorite - roe paste on rye crisp bread), drinks, visiting and admiring those who came in some form of Swedish dress (Steve Skold in his Beowulf dress definitely the winner here!).

This was followed by the “cold table” which included herring three ways (what else does one need in life?), salmon, salads (both cucumber and beet), cheeses and many other delicacies. Then the “hot table”, which included superb cabbage rolls (some were seen going back for seconds and thirds of these), the Jansson’s surprise (which has a secret ingredient of special, hard to obtain, anchovies), the incredible pork pie, and the essential Swedish meat balls.

By this time we were all rolling around too full to move when the incredible cake with lingonberry sauce appeared - and who could resist? - as well as cookies and fresh sweet strawberries. The lucky attendees were raving about it for weeks after and the unlucky ones who missed it are five pounds lighter for sure!

Thank you once again Carol and Steve!!

YOUTH SAILING AUCTION

The 2009 Youth Sailing benefit auction has two wonderful new items available. We are still looking for additional items. If you have one send off a description or picture to IYC@SVN.net or contact John Speh.

Item Number 15 - The Schwartz's have donated a beautiful Egyptian Cotton Matelasse full size bed coverlet and sham set. The set is a rich cinnamon color (the package says "currant" but I would call it cinnamon). The set is made in Portugal and has nice but subtle detailing and a slightly scalloped edge. A lovely set. Valued at \$100, minimum bid \$40.

Item number 16 - Donated by Norma Wells is a matted and framed water color of a pair of Green-winged Teals by Harry Adamson. The painting is approximately 9" by 12", the frame 13 _" by 17 _". Adamson is described by internationally famous wildlife artist David Maass as "unsurpassed when it comes to portrayals of wildfowl on the wing in their natural surroundings." Wildlife artist Owen Gromme says Adamson is simply "one of the finest waterfowl artists in the world."

He has shown at the Smithsonian Art Museum, the British Museum and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, among others. He was named the first California Waterfowl Association Artist of the Year and 1979 Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year. Minimum bid \$250.

To see current items and their high bids visit the auction web page by clicking on the word auction on the Youth Sailing page of InvernessYachtClub.org.

To bid on an item via email: Send an email to IYC@svn.net with the item number and your name and bid amount.

To bid on an item by phone: Call (415) 663-8850 and leave a message with your name, phone number, the item number and your high bid amount.

The auction will conclude this summer at an event to named later. Stay tuned for more details and more items.

If you don't want to play but do want to support youth sailing you may send a check made out to the Inverness Foundation with youth sailing written elsewhere on the check to the Inverness Foundation at PO Box 382, Inverness, CA 94937. These gifts are tax deductible.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

Ed Schwartz

Several friends have asked me, “What the hell do you do in Sayulita every day?” Well, perhaps I exaggerate. In fact, no one has ever asked me, so I thought I would answer anyway.

First of all, you have to realize that the concept of “doing nothing” is an actual event in a sleepy Mexican fishing village. Now that we have that concept in place, this was a day in our lives, yesterday, April 13.

I got up in the morning about 7 a.m. and did office work. Right now, I am promoting a jazz concert on June 14 for Terry O’Reilly and the San Francisco Jazz Foundation and doing a national travel feature for Falcor, a boutique winery in Napa. I am also promoting a superb tequila bar in town, the Sayulita Fish Taco Tequila Bar. This is a lot of fun, because I am working with my creative property manager, Gabbi, and the equally creative bar owner, Mark Holt, who also has lots of lights on in his head. For some tequila news and fun, go on to Gabbi’s website: www.sayulitatequilajournal.blogspot.com. You get a nice take on Gabbi, and a pic of Gabbi and me down at the bottom of the site and a story on my visit to Tequila, Mexico where guess what is produced.

This morning, I also was carving a flaming sword for my piece of folk art, St. Michael slaying a dragon. The sword was missing, so carving a sword was important. God is in the details, as one says. The sword is 3 “tall, so patience is necessary. I use a very sharp X-acto knife and carve away.

Just about when I was finished the a.m. portion of my work, Bambi came up (bedrooms are downstairs, palapa is up) and we had tea. It was now about 11:00 a.m. and we checked out the garden, which is a delightful thing to check out. Things grow here with vengeance and fertilizing reaps big awards.

Then, we prepared for the beach portion of the day. We spent about 10 minutes looking for the keys to the car. We then drove the five blocks to the beach, because we pack our equipment, including folding chairs, so we don’t have to rent them. We got settled, positioning ourselves close to the beach and observed the surf. The waves were very high, which I like. We both went in, Bambi with her Styrofoam noodle. My exercise is getting rolled by the waves, swimming against them and generally getting buffeted about—I just love it. The bigger the waves, the more I like it. We usually see some friends at the beach and we love watching little kids surf. Surfing seems easy. It is not. We also love to see novice surfers flail their arms and fall on their respective asses. It was very hot yesterday.

Next came a “doing nothing” part of the day. Bambi usually works on a Suduko puzzle. If I work on one, she kibitzes me, so I rarely do them. We ordered something to eat from Don Pedro’s, usually some chicken taquitos, a Diet Coke for Bambi and lemonade for me. It’s actually made from limes, but that’s the way it is in Mexico

We came back from the beach at about 3:30. After changing clothes, we drove to our new place “The Medusa” a small bar and restaurant right on the beach, north of the river. They have a happy hour-- two margaritas for the price of one and some finger food to slow the pace of alcohol ingestion. It really is a Corona moment (only with margaritas) as the sun sets over the ocean and we are in another “doing nothing” event.

We came home about 7. I check back on my e-mails, Bambi goes into the reading mode. I was still carving my sword—it really takes time doing those “flames” and one slip could mean either the end of the project or a bleeding finger.

All of a sudden it was 11:00 p.m... We read and, as Peps noted, “We go to bed.” If it wasn’t Peps, it was someone like him.

We vary the routine, day by day. Sometimes we have breakfast/lunch at Rollie’s. Sometimes we have dinner at Calypso, Terra Viva, Sayulita Café, etc. Thursday we are going to San Pancho with Gabbi and Andrea for dinner. Or we go for cocktails at one of our friends’ houses. So, life is not dull. But it would be if it weren’t for those nice “doing nothing” hours.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, May 1st	The Matthew Baxter Memorial Lecture "Will there be Fish?"	5.00pm
Saturday, May 11th	Board Meeting	9.30am
	Open House	5.30pm
Saturday, May 23rd	Members' Work Day	9.30am

**“Members’ Workday”
Come prepared to
spruce up the club
and
socialize!**

Saturday, May 23rd

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