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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

June 2009

The Opti Rack project has progressed very well at the end of the dock. Pat White, Mike Meszaros and Jim Noble did a great job of demolishing the old structure and stabilizing the north screen wall. Then Richard and Millie Biller moved in the next day with their team. The dock floor planks were pulled up and the underlying joists were replaced. A picture later on in the Pilot shows an old joist lying in the cart and demonstrates just how rotted out the joists were. Then work on the new opti rack began and in no time at all the dock was back in full working order. Many thanks to all involved, but particularly to Pat and Mike, Richard and Millie. Pat and Mike for so diligently examining opti racks at clubs all over the Bay Area, and coming up with a design which incorporated the best ideas from them all. And of course Richard and Millie for doing the heavy lifting in repairing the substructure to the dock in that area. Richard led the team of helpers doing all that work and then thanked them all with a BBQ when it was finished. (Except it wasn't but IYC schedules are rigorously upheld for BBQ's – construction is another matter!)

The rack is not yet paid for, and so if you would like to make a donation of \$200 you will be thanked with your names on a plaque mounted to the rack. Please see John Spey's article later.

Despite some recent rain the PUC is very concerned about our local potable water levels. So please remember whilst washing down boats and sails that we are trying to conserve the stuff. It is more precious than gasoline.

The pursuit of kayaking and boating at the club is increasing at quite a pace and several prospective new members want to join subject to getting a place in the yard. We now have a waiting list of fifteen kayaks and ten boats requesting storage room. The Board is committed to helping people get out on the water and enjoy our wonderful Bay, and so at the last Board meeting a change to the Dry Storage Rules was discussed and approved. Boats will now be considered derelict and inactive if not used at least once a year, rather than the previous two year period. As before, extensions to this rule can be applied for by demonstrating acceptable extenuating circumstances.

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Commodore’s Column continued:

Racing season is fast approaching, and I need to advise of some, umh, inconsistencies in the race schedule. The schedule that appeared in the last Pilot had one error. The Oko race on September 12 will start at 2.00 pm, and not 4.00 pm as stated.

The schedule that appears on the web site in the race section has a number of duplicate entries, and a bit of mixing of race names. That will be corrected in the next few days.

As ever, thank you to all our volunteers, and I look forward to seeing you all soon on the water and at the upcoming social events and Open Houses.

Peter Lassetter.



Editor’s comment: We spring him from Alcatraz for special events!

NOTICES

SHIP'S STORE NEWS

Available at our June Open House:

Overstock Youth Sailing Adult T Shirts to benefit Youth Sailing. There are notecards for sale for \$5 also benefiting Youth Sailing.

Check out the new IYC bandanas and the bright, safety green sweatshirts – perfect gear for foggy morning walks. And of course the store has all the usual gear – polo shirts, hats, hoodies, tote bags, mugs, aprons, sweatshirts and fleece.

I will have the store open on the first morning of each youth sailing session and the final evening of each closing session.

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CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

Wednesday, June 3rd

Inverness school traditional sing.

Afternoon practice.

Evening performance.

Sunday, June 7th

SPAWN Event

4pm - 8pm.

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, July 4th Barbecue

Sunday July 5th Blessing of the Fleet, and Commodores' Lunch.

MEMBERSHIP

Posted :

John & Susan Nelson

Proposer: Jan Aston

Seconders: Dick Aston & Carrick McLaughlin

NEW OPTI RACKS

Dear Members:

Work Day will have already occurred when this issue goes to print, so we want to thank all the participants in advance. More on the results of Work Day next month...

The outer dock repair and new Opti rack are complete. We are comfortable that the dock is in good shape for quite a while now. The Opti rack makes good efficient use of the space and we thank Mike Meszaros and Pat White for their design.

There are still two FREE Lasers available. Unfortunately they are missing rudders and one is also missing a mast section, but these parts are available from the manufacturer.

Winn Black is still soliciting donations for cost of the Opti rack construction. As you know, the Youth Sailing budget is always stretched and all donations are welcome.

Good sailing!

Millie Biller.



1. Millie surveying the new joists under the deck.
2. Richard pondering who to tell to jump, and how high.
3. A removed existing joist. A structural engineers nightmare!

Photos and captions by Peter Lassetter

Youth Sailing Auction

The 2009 Youth Sailing benefit auction has a wonderful new item available. If you have something to donate send off a description or picture to IYC@SVN.net or contact John Speh.

The final live auction will be held at the 4th of July party. If you can't make the party but want to remain a bidder contact John about setting up a defined proxy bid.

Item Number 17)

The Skolds's have donated a double gumball machine. This item would make a grandchild thrilling addition to your home or a great little fundraiser for your favorite charitable organization.

Valued at \$150, minimum bid \$30.

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.



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.

ADULT SAILING LESSONS

ADULT SAILING LESSONS in 2009

All those who are interested in taking Adult Sailing Lessons this summer, please attend the next Open House on June 13. We will discuss cost, schedule and boats to be used, and we would like to hear from you what you would like to see happen this summer in our Program. Last year we had a few inquiries about an advanced course. If you are interested in taking part in an Advanced Adult Sailing session, now is the time to make your interest known. We need to start our planning process now, so please, if you are planning to take part, interested, or just plain curious about the Club's offering for Adult Sailing Lessons this summer, please come to the June 13 Open House! Hope to see you there!

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Adult Sailors enjoying Tomales Bay in 2008



Left: Patricia Hickey, Barbara Jay & Mike Meszaros. Right: Emile with Elizabeth Fenwick & Beth Koelker.



WINE AND ART

As most all of you know, I love wine and I love art. So it would not be a surprise to say that if I can get fine wine and art at the same time, I'm even happier. And, if there is a great restaurant in the mix, so much the better. That reasoning works whether I am in San Francisco, New York City, Chicago or name-a-city in Italy. By the way, if you are an art lover Chicago bound, you must see the amazing new addition to the Art Institute by Renzo Piano. It just opened and architectural critics are universally impressed.

There are two places in the Napa valley where art and wineries. Both can be visited in a day, but you might want to make it two trips with a terrific lunch added on.

Clos Pegase—When Jan Shrem and his wife, Mitsuko, decided to build a winery, they did it with breathtaking bravura. Working with San Francisco's Museum of Modern Art, they held a worldwide architectural competition to decide who was to design the building. The honor was won by the famed architect, Michael Graves. The bold post-modernist winery was completed in 1987 and it still amazes. There is a wonderful sculpture garden, which includes a great Henry Moore and many big names in big sculptures. Have I mentioned the wines? Yes, the wines are excellent, but the visual experience is something to savor.

The Hess Collection—Donald Hess's approach to collecting modern art is, at once, passionate, intelligent, personal, focused, and impressive. A visit to his museum (there is no other way to put it) is a must for modern-art lovers. The large portrait, Johanna II, by Franz Gertsch, is riveting. I can look at it for a long time and still I stand there. A flaming (!) typewriter by Leopold Maler symbolizes how words can inflame. You will also find works by Frank Stella, Francis Bacon, Robert Rauschenberg, and other art stars. It is one of the largest private collections of modern art open to the public.

Now, all of this art viewing is getting me hungry. I have two favorite dining places in the Napa Valley. Bistro Giovanni is right on Highway 29 just above Napa. The food is just fabulous—very Italian and the setting is lovely, which includes an outdoor veranda. Tops! My other favorite is Go Fish. Also on Highway 29 right before the town of St. Helena; it has great fish dishes and an excellent sushi bar in the middle of the restaurant.

Both places elevate dining to a fine art. *Ed Schwartz*

***** LATE NOTICE FOR RACERS, RACE OFFICERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. *****

SATURDAY JUNE 27th: HALF HOG RACE
POT LUCK BARBECUE;

There is a plan brewing to have a post race *informal pot luck* barbecue.

As John Phelan put it in an email:

“I for one expect to need considerable electrolyte replacement and restorative mollusk-power after flailing around on the bay.”

I think that speaks for a good number of the sailing fraternity!

As far as I am concerned Inverness provides all a sailor needs to be in bliss when, for an evening race, good wind and weather combine with oysters, wine, bread, cheese, beautiful evening light and good company!

Here's looking at my transom on the 27th!

Editor: Mark Darley.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, June 13th	Board Meeting Open House	9.30am 5.30pm
Saturday, June 27th	Half Hog Race Pot Luck Barbecue	3.30pm To follow.
Saturday, July 4th	July 4th Barbecue	6pm
Sunday, July 5th	Blessing of the Fleet Commodores' Luncheon	12.30pm

**The first race of the Summer Season.
The Bar will be open,
and a potluck barbecue will follow.**

“HALF HOG RACE”

Saturday, June 27th

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