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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

Inside this edition of the Pilot, Millie Biller writes about the very successful Work Day we recently had. The number of volunteers who did such great work is too many to thank here, and anyway I am sure that I would accidently leave out names of people who helped so much. But to all those who came, helped, or took the lead in organizing the day I thank you all very much. The work and the jobs completed were great, and we also had a lovely BBQ in the sun after most of the work was finished. Somebody even organized tablecloths outside – I was so impressed. To those that organized and put that on and then cleared up after us, I also thank you.

I must say, however, despite my desire to not mention names this time around, how lucky we are to have our two Port Captains, Richard and Millie Biller. They are doing a wonderful job for us, the club membership, in ensuring our facilities are kept in such good working order.

Charles Gay has very generously donated a framed print of IYC from the air, by the aerial photographer Robert Campbell. It is one of the photographs featured in his recent book “Point Reyes – Aerial Photographs”. It is hanging on the dividing wall between the bar and dancehall. Thank you Charles, it is most appreciated.

Racing season is now upon us, with the Half Hog on Saturday June 27. The start is at 3.30 pm – come down to the dock and have some fun. As ever, I am looking for volunteers to help run the races, in particular the Flying Scot Regatta during the weekend of August 22. If there are some 110 sailors, who might also be looking for Scot volunteers to run a later 110 Season Regatta, please call or email me.

And with the start to racing comes the start of the Junior sailing program, which seems to get better every year. I would like to thank all the instructors for their efforts in participating in the program and getting certified, and in particular to welcome Dan Brandt, the Head Instructor, to the club. The membership should also know that Susan Medina has very kindly agreed to provide Dan with lodging whilst he is in Inverness. Thank you Susan for your generosity. It is a fundamental requirement for the success of the program.

In closing, I am hoping to have a questionnaire available by the 4th July BBQ and the Blessing of the Fleet. I would like to have feedback on the type of Social Events that the membership enjoys. If we could all think about what we have enjoyed in the past, and what we have not, and what we might add, I would be grateful. Details will follow soon.

Summer is here. Lets enjoy our Club and the Bay waters!

Peter Lassetter

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FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN

Inverness Yacht Club Volunteers rock baby! I was so pressed to stay ahead of our energetic volunteers on workday that I think if one more person had shown up I would not have known what to do with them. (However, they can show up next year!...Editor's comment).

The newly painted ballroom gleams, the kitchen, bathrooms and trophies are spotless. The outer dock ramp is re-carpeted. The Opti storage locker is being worked on, and the Port Captain finally has some shelving to store necessary supplies in the Pelican locker. And on and on.... Oh, and by the way, Ken Twining was head painter in the ballroom and barbecue boss. Thanks to all volunteers, lunch providers etc..

Right now the elevator is out of service pending installation of the new watertight upper door. We are hoping the installation will be complete the week of June 21st. In the meantime, we regret the inconvenience to all.

There is still one free Laser up for grabs. It is missing a rudder and mast section. Both are readily available from dealers or on the internet. There is also an FJ for sale. Please speak to Mike Meszaros regarding which is the boat for sale, and for the asking price.

Summer is upon us and it is time for our work trucks to disappear from the IYC yard. Hope to see you in and on The Bay.
Milly Biller.

SUMMER RULES REMINDER:

In the past, the Board has requested *all side ties be located outside of the launching basin and off the outside of the outer finger* to allow for clean launches, room to maneuver, safety of the boats and such. This is particularly important on Race Days, during Youth Sailing activities and weekends in general, and an appropriate courtesy.

We all need to be reminded that *all dogs must be on leashes* (better yet left home or in the car) and *owners must clean up after their pets*. Dog poo on feet and clothes, and in boats and wetsuits, tends to take the fun out of fresh air, sun, salt and sailing. Things get lax during the winter months but we are now entering our most active time of the year, with many feet in the boatyard. Thank you.

NOTICES

SHIP'S STORE NEWS

New Items for Sale

Stainless Steel Water Bottles - \$14

Safety Green Sweatshirts - \$21

IYC Navy Bandanas - \$5

And of course there is all the usual stuff: Mugs, Tote Bags, Burgees, Hooded Sweatshirts, Fleece, T-shirts, Polo Shirts, Childrens T-shirts and Sweatshirts.

The store will be open before and after The Blessing of the Fleet, as well as at our Open Houses, and the morning beginning, and evening ending of each youth sailing program.

The other news from ship's store is that the club needs someone to take over the job in the Fall. (I am moving over to running the bar.) Running the store is a great way to meet our members and their families, and to become involved in club activities. Please give me a call at 415/663-8585 or email susmary@hotmail.com or contact Mark Darley at **415/381-5451** or email markdarley@mac.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday August 15th, Kilkenny Beach Party.

Saturday September 5 : IYC Annual Meeting and Dinner Party, Special Entertainment

Bar Open at 5pm; Annual Meeting 5:30 -6:30 (Bar Closed), Bar Open again at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7pm.

MEMBERSHIP

Posted:

Gregory Palmer and Patrice Pilipovich

Proposer: Jerry Abbott

Seconders: Cherie Wilson and Doug Johnson

Approved for membership:

John and Susan Nelson

Proposer: Jan Aston

Seconders: Dick Aston and Carrick McLaughlin

SPRING SEASON FASHION REPORT

by Norm DePlume

A meaningful number of very trendy sailors, following the example of local tastemaker Robert Cardwell, have this season taken up the newest nautical fad and adopted an International One-Ten. About thirteen beautiful people can now claim ownership of the chic 'cent-dix' and no doubt the fleet will swell more yet, once the designers start floating the new models down the runway.

Credit for this season's hottest style goes entirely to Mr. Cardwell, whose fame is well known, not just in the jet-set world of boat fashion, but in footwear, haute couture, and automotive design as well. "Yes, I did that", said the modest inventor of the popular fur-lined nose-hair trimmer. "I made everybody get a 110 and sail real fast."

The boat's creative use of natural fibers and sporty angles are cited as two reasons why this classic style is making its comeback this season, but many feel that recent downticks in the global economic markets are exerting an influence on the ebb and flow of public tastes as well. As sail-fashion commentator Sam Hinckley notes, "Just as hemlines tend to follow the Dow Jones, so too do keel displacements track rather accurately against the federal deficit, and cleavages too...I heard something about cleavages...I think."

The sailors intend to show their new lines at all the events organized by the Inverness Yacht Club in the 2009 season, but special dates have been added by the group, taking care not to conflict with Milan Fashion Week. The 110 Derby will be raced on the weekend of July 18 and 19, and the 110 Sweepstakes will be contested two weeks hence on September 1 and/or 2. According to 110 Fleet Director of Compliance, Millie Biller, "All necessary precautions will be taken to protect the racers from bloodthirsty schools of giant squid. Really huge squid have never attacked a Tomales Bay race before, but the club has taken out a few million dollars worth of insurance against the possibility, and who am I to argue with Lloyd's of London?"

What can we expect to see flashing down the catwalk this season? Well, Mylar is the new Brown this year, and supermodel Malcolm Fife will be wearing laminated white sails by Doyle. Also in a shiny polymer dress, you might catch newly-minted skipper Jim Noble, when not on crewing duty in Cardwell's Craft. Jim picked up a near-mint boat in Sacramento this winter, and like any good near-mint boat, he's been working on it for 8 weeks and he still hasn't got the mast up.

The usual rock-stars are all expected to be here again. Jeff Hutter, Sam Hinckley, Chris Waddell, and Milly Biller will be bringing their A-games as in years past, but be sure to keep your eyes open because you might get to see a batch of designs from the mills of newcomers Jeremy Fisher-Smith, Dudley Miller, and Richard Biller. Richard was followed home by a cute little green 110 on a recent trip to Berkeley and now the Billers have a two-boat program. The green boat sits upside down in Richard's yard right now, which is the position a 110 takes just before it flips over and rockets away at 12 knots across the bay.

Hobey Landreth has been feeding vitamins to his Zephyr, but to no avail. His boat is yet the fleet mascot and means to remain so.

Throw in Steve Brock's solo 110 cruiser and Tom Fox's unballasted model, currently awaiting a keel transplant, and Cardwell's burgeoning fleet seems to have grown to thirteen vessels. Helen of Troy wouldn't be impressed, but it's quite an accomplishment to accumulate thirteen anythings in sailboat racing and Robert should be commended. Perhaps he should consider going into sales.

Notice of Race & Race instructions
TOMALES BAY
FLYING SCOT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS & FLYING DUTCHMAN INVITATIONAL
August 22 & 23, 2009

1. Races will be sailed on Tomales Bay from the Inverness Yacht Club.
2. The current Racing Rules of Sailing will govern the regatta.
3. To compete all boats or skippers must be current with membership of the relevant class association. To enter the race competitors must complete an entry form and pay the entry fee to the Inverness Yacht Club the day of the regatta.
4. Notice to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be announced at the skippers meeting or posted at the RC bulletin board at the end of the pier or signaled by the flag Lima.
5. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1200 hours each day unless amended or by raising the postponement flag. Races will be held as soon as possible at that time, wind and tide permitting.
6. If there are four or more Flying Dutchmen then each class will have a separate start. The Dutchman class start will precede the Scot class.
7. Registration will be from 0930 to 1100 hours, August 22; the fee for each boat will be \$40.
8. Skipper's meeting will be approximately 1100 hours.
9. For the Flying Scots, there will be five races, with no throw out, being three races on Saturday and two on Sunday; for the Flying Dutchman, one added race for Saturday and for Sunday, at the conclusion of the Scot races, being a total of seven races, with one throw out. Scoring will be RRS appendix A, using the low point scoring system. Starts shall be by RRS 26.
10. It is the intent that the start/finish line will be a committee boat start approximately one mile north west off the IYC. Alternatively, the start/finish line will be placed off the pier at IYC. This line will not be restricted. Courses shall be posted and available on the bulletin board the day of the race. Marks are temporary orange buoys.
11. A PFD is to be worn while participating; failure to do so is grounds for DSQ. Competitors are entirely responsible for their safety; by launching and going to sea they confirm their boat is fit and they are competent to sail; the provision of the safety boat overseeing the regatta does not relieve competitors of their own responsibility; IYC reserves the right to cancel a race if conditions become too extreme for management.
12. Flying Scots will be required to carry all equipment as required by the current FSSA class rules. That includes bow line; anchor and line; paddle; bailer; throwable flotation, 300 pound buoyancy bow bag and stern port. FSSA class rules: FSSA B-V111-5 is amended to, "The same number of persons must be carried for all races. Changes are to be reported to the Committee. All crew names are to be entered on the registration form."
13. Recognition and placement in the regatta will commence at the Club approximately an hour after the conclusion of the racing on Sunday.

IYC will provide beverages each day. A barbeque dinner will be held Saturday, August 22 for participants and their guests, with a no host bar before dinner at a cost of \$15 per person (half price for children 12 and under).

Please give advance notice to either contact, of the number of people who will attend the dinner, as well as participation by boat in the regatta.

Contacts: Peter Ackley 415.485.0653 dad44@comcast.net, or Mike Meszaros 415.669.1000 mwhut@svn.net

Notice to Flying Scot owners and skippers: Please note the requirement in the Notice of Race that all boats are to have a 300 pound buoyancy bow bag and stern port. This is new as of January, 2009 and since this is a nationally sanctioned regatta, compliance is required. I will be contacting you in the coming days to discuss options to meet these requirements.

Your fleet captain, Peter Ackley.

**YOUTH SAILING AUCTION
FINAL BIDDING AT THE FOURTH OF JULY PARTY!**

The final live auction will be held at the Fourth of July Barbecue.
Bidding will close that evening.

If you can't make the party but want to remain a bidder, contact John at IYC@SVN.Net about setting up a defined proxy bid.

Great new item thanks to Katie Gundlach:

**18) Two Orchestra Seats to a "Best of Broadway" show of your selection in San Francisco.
For a current show calendar go to: <http://www.shnsf.com/shows>**

Two new items thanks to Rigdon Currie:

19) Original 1851 map "Western Coast of the United States".

This map that runs from Monterey to the Columbia River is an original, published in 1851. The map from Monterey north, includes and identification of Pt. (de los) Reyes, Tamales Pt., and Bodega Headlands. The map includes 3 horizontal drawings of the entrance to San Francisco Bay, view of Cape Mendocino, and a view of Pt. Pinos off Monterey. The write up in a section of the map provides the viewer with instructions on sailing from Monterey to the mouth of the Columbia River, and, separately, instructions on sailing from Monterey to Cape Mendocino.

Valued at \$200 minimum bid \$100

20) A 1906 reprint of an 1888 map. This map, primarily of the Lompoc Landing, and titles that, in So. Calif. (between Santa Maria and Santa Barbara. It includes depths and underwater ridges going out approximately. 1 mile.

Valued at \$70, Minimum Bid \$35

To see all the auction items and their current high bid, go to www.InvernessYachtClub.org and click on the word auction.

The Club is still looking for donations toward the Youth Sailing program and the rebuilding of the Opti rack. Our Youth Sailing program relies on donations of \$3000 annually.

If you want to support youth sailing you may send a check made out to:

The Inverness Foundation (with youth sailing written elsewhere on the check) at PO Box 382, Inverness, CA 94937. These gifts are tax deductible. Thank you.





IYC WANTS YOU!

July 4th Party

Saturday, July 4, 6 PM

Come celebrate with family and friends
Barbecue, Potluck and Youth Sailing Auction.

\$10 at the door

We'll supply burgers, doggies.
You bring the rest!



A through M: Salads (green, bean, pasta, potato, your choice, fully assembled)



M through Z: Desserts

Jeff and Kathy Hutter hosting.

Note: IRS rules require that the IYC accept checks from members only.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, June 27th	Half Hog Race	3.30pm
	Pot Luck Barbecue	to follow
Monday June 29th	Youth Sailing Starts	
Saturday, July 4th	July 4th Barbecue	6.00pm
Sunday, July 5th	Blessing of the Fleet	12.30pm
	Commodores' Luncheon	1.30pm.
Saturday, July 11th	Board Meeting	9.30am
	IA Race	3.15pm
	Open House	5.30pm
Sat & Sun, July 18, 19	110 Derby	TBD
Saturday, July 25th	Mason Cup Race	2.30pm
Sunday July 26th	Dornin Cup Race	3.00pm
Sunday August 2nd	Youth Sailing Regatta	

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