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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

August 2009

It is strange how our fears change with time. As it came closer for me to become Commodore last year, I dreaded the thought of having to write this column each month, and come up with something to say. I imagined it was easily the most difficult part of the job. This is now my last column and I am quite sad about that.

July has been a busy month with racing, the Blessing of the Fleet, the Commodores' lunch, and the completion of the first session of Youth Sailing.



For the first time, I was able to visit the club during Youth Sailing this year on a blustery Monday afternoon. I have heard for years what a great program it is, but it is a bit like hearing about the Grand Canyon, compared with seeing it first hand. I have seen kids in all sorts of camps over the years, but never have I seen such energy, enthusiasm, total lack of fear, and generally kids being kids at 100 mph and at 100 decibels. Can you see the concentration on that kid's face above?

Some of the sailing skills I saw put me to shame. It really was quite windy and a small slip of a girl bludgeoned a much larger boy into the front of an FJ. The boat was by the hoist and she very calmly gave him a substantial earache whilst standing up, leaning on the boom, and helming the boat out backwards all the way to clear water. She sailed the boat beautifully and did not repeat her abuse once.

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NOTICES

SHIP'S STORE NEWS

I would like to thank everyone who shopped at Ship's Store over the summer and to offer a reminder to those who have IOU's to the store, please make your check payable to IYC and mail it to Susan Medina, PO Box 368, Point Reyes Station, 94956.

2009-2010 Slate for Officers of IYC

Here is the proposed slate of officers for the IYC's 2009-10 Board. The Nominating Committee is very pleased and honored to present these willing and able folks who are ready to serve our Club.

Commodore: Mark Darley
Vice Commodore: Win Black
Rear Commodore: Ken Emanuel
Staff Commodore: Peter Lassetter
Secretary: Ed Schwartz
Treasurer: Jim Laws
Port Captain: Millie & Richard Biller
Director (one year): Malcom Fife
Director (one year): Lyn Twining
Director (2 years): Shawn Kelly
Director: (2 years): John Longstreth

Please join us and vote at the Annual Meeting and Dinner, Saturday Sept 5th at 5.30pm.

MEMBERSHIP

TO BE APPROVED:

Gregory Palmer and Patrice Pilipovich

Proposer: Jerry Abbott

Seconders: Cherie Wilson and Doug Johnson

COMMODORE'S COLUMN continued:

Many of you will have received a letter from the Inverness Foundation asking for donations to Youth Sailing. If you are not sure about writing a check, then just go and watch for a while. The only problem is that if you go and watch, the check you will then write will be larger than the one you would have written without seeing for yourself, the Grand Canyon of exuberant kids behaving like I wish I still could. Badly! But take ear plugs!

Instructors, Youth Sailing Committee, head instructors, landlady and car rental fleet owner, auctioneers, youth boat fleet repairers, rack builders, Moms who volunteer to help – a great job. It took me a long time to get there but now I have seen, I am utterly sold.

Just as kids and their opportunities are our future, so is the longer term facilities planning of our club. I am very pleased to report that John Phelan, past Commodore, has agreed to chair a Facilities Planning Group to help ensure the long term future of our club, its building, and its access to water. John is thinking through a process to provide discipline and motivation to keep such a multi-year effort (think about dredging permits) going. I wish him and his task force the very best of luck and success, and look forward to hearing in due course about the shape that process will take.

My last column. How time flies. Soon I will hand over the gavel to another (I am determined to take it to my last Board meeting in August and actually use it – guess I have to find it first).

How has the year gone? Membership numbers remain about constant. We have been able to put a little money away into reserves and the racing program and participation seems to have strengthened. Social events have been wonderful, and as I wrote in an earlier column, I used up a full year's quota of dancing with Sue by the Bay in February. And I love crab. Can you get Swedish crab? With possibly a Hemingway sauce?

I would like to wish Commodore soon-to-be Mark Darley and his new Board every success next year. The longer I spend at this club the more important it becomes to me. Good luck to you all.

And finally I would like to thank this year's Board for the support and great council they have given me. Certainly others on the Board have worked harder than I for the club. Ever been Treasurer? But all have been so supportive and just plain anxious to help. A big thank you to all of you.

And as ever, I am so grateful to the many unsung volunteers who quietly go about the clubs business, helping with racing, social events, fundraising and the like. The club has given me so much this year, far more than I have been able to give back, and I shall always remember this year for that. Thank you all.

Peter Lassetter



ADULTS SAILING



The Peters Family hiking hard.



Ned Congdon, Cheryl and Steve Caletti.



Tom Nemeth and Henry King



Robert Cardwell and Jim Noble.



Milly Biller and Anne Lewis

Race Results Through July 22, 2009

	Half Hog – June 27,	IA – July 11,
1	Malcolm Fife 110	Robert Cardwell 110
2	Mark Darley J18	Millie Biller 110
3	Millie Biller 110	Charles Gay FS
4	Shawn Kelly J18	Shawn Kelly J18
5	Mike Severson FS	Molly Sterling FS
6	Peter Lassetter Weta	Tom Nemeth FS
7	John Phelan RS700	Ned Congdon FS
8		Peter Lassetter Weta
DNF		Ryan Scholfield C 15
DNF		Eric Holmes H 18
DNF		Tom Peters FS
DNF		Mike Severson FS

ADULTS SAILING



Start of the Half Hog.



Commodore Peter Lassetter at speed.



Malcolm and Todd McPherson in ghosting mode.



Unidentified but very stylish kayakers. Did they make a wrong turn on their way to the Ascot Races?



Shawn Kelly and Page Flood

Thanks again to Jim Laws and Peter Lassetter for the wonderful photos.

YOUTH SAILING



Sophie Dixon-Sutton and Julie Stitt-Self cruising.



Kyle Barnett and Kieran Baack



Henry Frazer and other assorted swimmers!



Ben Borglin barrelling along.



Assorted matadors.



Matisse Manuel, Kyle Barnett, Henry Phipps and Leonardo Ferlinghetti practising for future years at the IYC bar!

NOTICE OF RACES

The Inverness Yacht Club invites all qualifying Youth Sailors to compete in the following Club Championship Regattas.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009

- **EL TORO OPEN REGATTA - the “Spade” Trophy.**
- **OPTIMIST OPEN REGATTA – the St. Columba “Chalice” Trophy.**
- **DOUBLE HANDED REGATTA - the Tom Blackaller, Sr. “All-Arounders” Trophy (in CFJs).**
- **LASER OPEN REGATTA - the Duncan Patterson “Leaping Dolphin” Trophy.**

1. All Regattas will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2009-2012, RRS); the Prescriptions of the US Sailing Association; the rules of the respective classes; except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions. Verbal Sailing Instructions will be delivered at the Skippers Meetings.

2. Entrants must have participated in either Session of the 2008 IYC summer sailing program or be current IYC Junior members or juniors of IYC member parents (under 18 years of age).

3. Entry forms for each Regatta will be available at registration, but must be submitted to the Race Committee prior to the start of racing. The entry fee is \$25.00 per participant.

4. The day will extend from 09:00 to 16:00 hrs. Skippers meetings for all classes will be at 09:30 on the first day of the regatta. Class starts will be at 11:00.

5. A minimum of three participants in each class must register and sail to warrant a start.

6. A minimum of six races is scheduled for each class, of which three must be completed to constitute a series. If there are more participants than available boats, positions will be rotated so that all participants sail the same number of races. Except for the Blackaller Regatta, the Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A4) will be used. If six races are completed, one score will be excluded (if eight, then two; if nine or ten, then three; etc.).

7. Club Flying Juniors is a round robin competition. An even number of races will be scored. Only CFJs will be used. Skipper and crew positions will be switched every race and points awarded for both positions (skipper awarded 2x crew points). Boats will be switched every other race. The rankings will be determined by the best combined scores.

8. Following racing on Thursday afternoon, individual trophies will be awarded and a no-host BBQ provided at the Club. Participants should bring salads, desserts, fluids, etc.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday August 2nd	Youth Sailing Regatta and BBQ	
Saturday August 8th	Board Meeting	9.30am
	Martinelli Trophy	2.00pm
	Open House	6.00pm
Saturday August 15th	Kilkenny Beach Party and camp.	
Sat & Sun, August 22/23rd	FS/FD Regatta	Noon
Saturday September 5th	Hog Island Race	Noon
	Annual Meeting	5.00pm
Sunday September 6th	Barnes Trophy	12.30pm

**Saturday, August 15th
"KILKENNY
BEACH PARTY"**

and

**Sunday, August 2nd
"YOUTH SAILING
REGATTA"**

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It's that time again...

DIVE IN!

THE INVERNESS YACHT CLUB

invites you to attend the legendary

Kilkenny/Mendoza Beach Party

Saturday August 15th

Sail, motor, paddle up Tomales Bay
or drive overland

Tides @ IYC: High +3ft6, 10 am. Low +3ft, 2.30pm. High +5ft6in, 8pm

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC SUPPER!

IYC will provide: Barbeques,
Oysters, Corn on the cob, Soda, & Beer

Directions by car: Take the first **RIGHT** off Sir Francis Drake Blvd
after the entrance to TOMALES BAY STATE PARK onto **Duck
Cove/Marshall Beach Road**. Follow the IYC signs. Please be
careful on the **STEEP** road down to the beach and **PARK WITH
CONSIDERATION** for your fellow party-goers.

See You All There!



INVERNESS YACHT CLUB Annual Meeting and Dinner



The IYC Board of Directors invites
you to the Annual Meeting, Dinner and Party

Saturday, September 5

Come on down, cast a vote for your new IYC Board, enjoy your old
and new friends and stay for dinner and dancing

BAR OPENS AT 5 p.m.
Meeting: 5:30 - 6:30 (Bar Closed)
Bar Opens Again 6:30 (Hurrah!)
DINNER follows

Special Entertainment-Danny Olmsted and the Sea Swells

IYC CHEFS WILL PROVIDE:
BBQ'd Chicken, French Bread and Salad

PLEASE BRING:
A - J dessert
K - Z hor d' oeuvres

Childcare with Priscilla's pizza and videos in the Day Room will be made
available for \$5 upon request. Please call us at 669-1963 well in advance.

All for \$15 per adult

Please pay at the door. Checks will be accepted from members only (IRS
regulation.)

Hosts: Ann & Ken Emanuels 669-1963
Tony & Sally Torrance 663-0707