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The Monthly Newsletter of the Inverness Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

September 2009

If you read my last column you will likely have gained the impression that I thought it was to be my last. The Commodore Elect, however, (who is also the Pilot editor and thus holds real power) has pointed out that when you all read this I will still be Commodore. It all depends on when Labor Day weekend falls, determining when we have the Annual Meeting and elect our new Board. So I am writing my thirteenth column, in what is a sort of Commodorial Leap Year.

I cannot repeat all the thank yous' and personal feelings about the club, and so will stick to an information update.

The Port Captain is under a lot of pressure to admit more boats and kayaks into the boat yard. All on the waiting list are committed to using their craft on a regular basis and so the board has decided to change the rules concerning derelict and inactive boats, kayaks and canoes. From September 1, 2009, all craft must be used at least once a year, and if not used the renter will lose space privileges for that craft and a notice of eviction will be sent out. The clause relating to extensions due to acceptable extenuating circumstances will still remain.

Racing results up to the Flying Scott Regatta will be posted on the Club notice board. In particular last weekend saw the Flying Scot District Championships. It was held in challenging conditions. There was not a lot of wind on either day, and on Saturday in particular, the wind came from every direction on the compass. At various times we saw wind from the west, the east, the north west and the south west. Charles Gay, with his son Forrest, sailed beautifully to win the Regatta with three bullets in five races. Robert Cardwell was second and John Phelan was third, both with one win each. Congratulations to all who took part, and particularly to Charles and Forrest.

For newer members' information, the Lake Race is for women only. Unfortunately last year we had a male team turn up. Sorry Tom.

You will also see in this Pilot the flyer and agenda for this years Annual Meeting and Dinner, to be held on Saturday, September 5, at 5.30 pm. (Bar opens at 5.00 pm) Please come along and ask any questions you may have of the old or new Board. We do want to hear from you.

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Commodore's Column continued:

Two weekends ago the Kilkenny Beach Party was held, and the weather for it was fabulous. Many arrived by boat, and many slept over. Some stayed until Monday lunchtime! The BBQ was great and everybody seemed to have a good time. It was great to see so much family participation there, and to see youngsters in the water or around a fire with not an iPod in sight.

Thank you to those who helped organize the weekend, and particularly to Richard and Millie Biller, and Ken and Lyn Twinning. And now that really is it.

Peter Lassetter.

VICE COMMODORE'S NOTICE regarding SOCIAL CHAIRS.

The Social Life of the Club is on the brink of a crisis for this coming year.

Josie Brownback, our Social Chair, and Nancy Jo Heaton, our Open House Chair, will both be stepping down from great service to the club in these positions, and I have been unsuccessful in finding volunteers to fill their shoes. If you are able to consider serving in either position I urge you to call Josie or Nancy Jo with any questions you may have regarding the responsibility of these Chairs. By all means feel free to call me also. 415-381-5451.

If the positions are not filled before the Annual Meeting, I will be making a personal plea at that time in an effort to keep the calender alive. Remember, this Club runs on volunteers! Thank you for your consideration.
Mark Darley

M E M B E R S H I P

Approved for Membership:

Joseph Burgess rejoining. No proposer needed.

Posted for Membership: Mirabelle LeMieux (Junior Membership)

Proposer: Isabelle LeMieux

Seconders: Katherine Landreth, Mark Darley

Posted for Membership: Thomas A. Thomas

Proposer: NancyJo Heaton

Seconders: Michael Heaton, Terry Aleshire

NOTICES

NOTICE OF RULE CHANGE

Voted and approved by the Board of Directors, Saturday May 9th 2009,
regarding the storage of any vessel or trailer in the IYC yard.

Derelict and Inactive Boats:

The first sentence of this paragraph will now read:

“Every boat stored on IYC property must be used at least *once every year*. If not used, a renter may lose his/her right to the dry storage space privileges for that boat.” etc...

This policy has become necessary due to the number of boats which are used so infrequently that they do not significantly contribute to the active life of the club, and because we have been turning away potential members and active sailors whose boats we cannot accommodate. The board agreed that the future of the IYC as a sailing club depends on its ability to attract and retain active sailing members and their boats.

It was also agreed that the terms “dry storage” conveyed the wrong idea of the appropriate use of yard space. Dry storage is better in garages. The club yard space is better used for wet boats! When the board has found the correct phrase to convey this change in emphasis, the term “dry storage” will be replaced in the club directory. This rule change will take effect as of September 1st. 2009.

KAYAKERS LISTEN UP!

August 29 and 30 are perfect tide dates for mid-morning kayaking on beautiful Tomales Bay.

Most of the kayak and canoe owners are on my e-mail list, but there are a few that I do not have an e-mail address. If you are interested in getting on the list, please let me know. All of the kayak rack positions are claimed by member owners, though there are several empty slots. If you do not plan to use the slot, will not be using your kayak/canoe that is in a slot for an extended period, or wish to sell your kayak/canoe please let me know as there is a *waiting list* of 10 to 11 members who would like to bring their boats to the yard for easy access to the Bay.

As Fall approaches, and the Summer winds abate, kayaking will be very enjoyable. We will be arranging specific trips about the Bay, and will keep you posted. Contact info: Win Black 663-8293; winstonblack@mac.com

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday October 24th: Paul Ekman to talk about his work with The Dalai Lama, the TV Show “Lie to Me”, and Federal Law Enforcement. Make your reservation early for what should be a sold out event. Our usual party format will include potluck dinner and dessert.

Hosts: Nancy Jo & Michael Heaton, Bill Moseley, Lee & Frank Seidner, Susie & Britt Stitt.

RENTALS: September & October to date:

Alice Cherrigan Memorial. Sunday 13th Sept or Sat 19th September requested. Final date TBD.

Sat Oct 3rd: Bar mitzvah for Tanu Brock

Sat Oct 17: Tomales Bay Watershed Council, Tomales Bay Ball

Sun Oct 25th: Coastal Health Alliance. Retirement party potluck.

FLYING SCOTT REGATTA



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RACE REVIEWS IN THE BAR

The club bar TV has been upgraded to a new 42 inch LCD flat screen HDTV which is wall mounted on a swivel above the stained glass OKO racing trophy on the north wall near the exterior door.

In addition to providing viewing of houses, the new TV is already proving in the bar and view race photos

Many thanks to Rick Michetti for doing the elaborate swivel wall mount, and to and for his continued wonderful photo



sporting events during future open popular with racers who now gather immediately following each race.

the tricky installation and providing Jim Laws for research and shopping, documentary of the races.

KILKENNY BEACH



The beach shrank as the crowd swelled!



PORT CAPTAIN

Dear Members,

I don't think we could have asked for nicer weather for The Kilkenny Beach picnic. In addition, we had so many volunteers for the schlep that it went very smoothly. Thursday morning we went down to the club to take the big stuff (barbeques, tables etc) and received a huge assist from Dan Brant and Eliza White, which got us off the dock in 15 minutes instead of 45...important in rising wind and a falling tide.

The list of other volunteers is huge, and if I left out your name, forgive me for the list is long; Tom Fox, Rufus Blunk, Jim Noble, Katherine Landreth, Peter Lassetter, Suzanne Speh, and on and on.

On behalf of Ken and Lynn Twining and ourselves, a big Thank You!

We have a lot more summer to enjoy, so see you out there.

Millie and Richard Biller.



The Magnificent Blunk Family Recyclers!



TWO TO TRY

In recent weeks, I found two very worthy restaurants, one in Petaluma and one in Novato in the Vintage Oaks shopping center off Rowland Boulevard.

The restaurant in the shopping center is named SushiHolic. Normally, I wouldn't go into a restaurant with such a cheesy name. What were they thinking? But, I saw the restaurant on my way to buy some wine at the BevMo store, and I figured how bad could it be? Well, it turned out to be an excellent restaurant with a full menu and a fine sushi bar—the real deal. We returned to make sure I wasn't dreaming all this up, but, there it is. The food is superb and the décor is Zen calm, stylish and totally attractive. Service is excellent. Who would have guessed? 112-C Vintage Way, Novato, 415-898-8500, lunch and dinner.

The second find is an Italian gem, Cucina Paradiso. It had been in a strip mall behind Washington Street in Petaluma, but now it has changed location and it is on the main street. The place “feels” Italian and the food is just glorious. I went there recently with Judith Ciani and Italian wine expert, Chiara DiGeronimo, two women full of Italian blood and who know good Italian food. All three of us agreed that the meal was wonderfully Italianissimo!

If you ever take me up on Cucina Paradiso, you might also want to check out a wonderful place nearby called the Sonoma Valley Port Works, at 613 Second Street, 707-769-5203. This mini-winery makes some of the most delicious Ports you have ever experienced—Mauro, Airs and Deco—all enticing. Bill will take you through a wonderful tasting experience and I promise you will purchase some of these top-flight wines. A port winery in Petaluma? You have got to be kidding! But, I'm not!

Ed Schwartz

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday September 5th	Hog Island Race	Noon
	Annual Meeting	5.00pm
Sunday September 6th	Rescheduled Board Meeting	9.30am
	Barnes Trophy	12.30pm
Saturday September 12th	No Board Meeting	
	Oko Race	2.00pm
	Open House	5.30pm
Saturday September 19th	Myers Trophy	Noon
Saturday October 3rd	Wells Trophy	Noon
Saturday October 4th	Lake Trophy	Noon

“ANNUAL MEETING”

and

“HOG ISLAND
RACE”

Saturday, September 5th

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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



— INVERNESS YACHT CLUB —
Annual Meeting Agenda, September 5, 2009

Commodores Comments.

Peter Lassetter

1. Welcome
2. Verification of quorum
3. Call to Order
4. Motion to approve minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting

Membership report

**John Speh
(for Carrick McLaughlin)**

Treasurers Report

Jim Laws

Port Captains Report

Millie Biller

Youth Sailing Report

Pat White

Nominating Committee Report

John Phelan

1. Presentation of slate

Commodore	Mark Darley
Vice Commodore	Win Black
Rear Commodore	Ken Emmanuels
Staff Commodore	Peter Lassetter
Port Captain	Millie Biller
Secretary	Ed Schwartz
Treasurer	Jim Laws
Director (1 year)	Lyn Twining
Director (1 year)	Malcolm Fife
Director (2 years)	John Longstreth
Director (2 years)	Shawn Kelly

2. Motion to approve nominations for 2009/2010 Board of Directors

Passing of Harry Betaque gavel to new Commodore. Peter Lassetter

Introduction of new Board

New Commodore

1. Presentation of flags to the new officers and directors.

New Commodores Comments.

New Commodore

Old Business

Mark Darley

1. Brass tab presentations for club service positions

New Business and questions from the floor

New Commodore

Adjournment